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CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Muharak said Wednesday a pledge from Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi 10 withdraw his forces from the border with Egypt was a trick as none were there. "Qadhafi is bluffing the Libyan people," Muharak told reporters in an unexpected verbal attack. "I warn him, I warn him strongly against foul play. I know all his tricks." Oadhafi Monday announced he would withdraw all Libyan forces from the border and allow Egyptians freely in and out of Libya. He added he would keep opposing the Muharak government, but not militarily. "He says he decided to withdraw troops from the border, while he has no forces on our border. There are also no Egyptian troops on the border." said Muharak, after a visit to Giza, west of Cairo. Muharak's remarks contrasted with those made Tursday by Minister of State for Forcius contrasted with those made Tuesday by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Chali, who welcomed the Libyan promise of a unconditional pullback. "Massing troops on the border is outdated (strategy) since World War I. There is no such a thing today," Mubarak said. See related story on page 5

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SHINGTON (R) - Presi-Reagan Wednesday devisibled his embattled attorney eral and long-time personal id Edwin Meese and dismisnew demands for Meese's enation. "I have every confie in him," Reagan told reers at the White House Rose den. "He's been a friend for ears and I'm not going to ment any further on what is g on there (at the Justice artment)," Reagan said in onse to a shouted questions the whether Meese should step

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4 killed, 60 shot and wounded in Land Day protests

NAZARETH (Agencies) — Israeli troops killed at least four Palestinians and wounded more than 60 Wednesday in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip where unprecedented preventive measures failed to curb anti-occupation demonstrations, Arab and Israeli sources said.

A three-day ban on media travel to the occupied areas and army reluctance to give immediate details, coupled with the closure of a Palestinian news agency that was a main source of information, left newsmen uncertain about the exact toll.

The army ordered the Palestine Press Service (PPS) news agency closed for six months while the supreme court rejected a petition from the Foreign Press Association (FPA) to open the occupied territories immediately for press

The violence marked "Land Day," an annual day of protest by Israeli Arabs against land confiscation during which residents of the West Bank and Gaza were widely expected to stage their own protests as part of the threemonth-old uprising.

The casualty toll in the occupied territories contrasted with events in areas of Israel inhabited by the country's Arab minority of 700,000 where a day of protest passed generally peacefully.

Hospitals in the West Bank

respectively said they had received the bodies of a woman and of a man shot dead in clashes with

Reliable Palestinian sources quoted by Reuter said they were told a man was also killed near Hebron while an Israeli source said a first report spoke of a further fatality near Jerusalem.

At least 45 West Bank residents and 15 inhabitants of the Gaza Strip were wounded, mostly by gunfire but some by clubbings and tear-gas, Israeli sources said. Most of the injuries were in the Hebron and Tulkarm areas of the West Bank.

At least two Israeli soldiers were hurt, including one hit on the head with an axe, the sources

in Nazareth, small groups of Palestinians stood at mostly deserted street corners jeering at

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towns of Ramaliah and Nablus Israeli-SLA force storms village, kills 11, wounds 12

BEIRUT (AP) — Tank-led militiamen backed by Israeli helicopter gunships stormed a town in South Lebanon Wednesday, killing eleven people, wounding 12 others and demolishing scores of

houses, police said. The 9:45 a.m. (0745 GMT) push coincided with a general strike and joint Lebanese-Palestinian demonstrations in Lebanon in support of the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Police and United Nations observers said militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) in tanks advanced one kilometre west of Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" into the southern village of Kfar Roumman, where they fought heavy clashes with resistance

women, were killed in fierce officers took part in the operastreet battles between the attack-tion. ing force and fighters of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) and the Shi'ite Amal militia, hospital and security sources said. The force of 150 SLA

militiamen, accompanied by Israeli officers and backed by tanks and armoured vehicles. occupied parts of the village for seven hours before pulling out. Shocked residents emerged

from their shell-pocked houses, several of which were still on fire, after the attackers withdrew to the "security zone." Some screamed for help in

panic. Others packed belongings in preparation for fleeing in event of another attack.

SLA sources in Marjayoun inside the "security zone," set up

PLO said to have agreed to Shultz-Palestinian meeting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — In a change of heart, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has given the green light for a meeting between Palestinians from the occupied territories and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, according to a prominent Palestinian from the occupied West Bank.

American officials said they hoped such a session, expected to take place next week in Jerusalem, would help breathe life into the new U.S. peace proposal for the region.

The shift in policy came after Shultz met three days ago with two Palestinian-American members of the Palestine National Council (PNC). "That meeting was great. It

was a big step forward and paved the way for us to meet with Shultz next week," said Said Kenaan, a prominent Nablus businessman... The PLO issued two declarations this week, one via a PLO representative in Cairo and the other from its headquarters in Tunis, approving Palestinian attendance at a meeting with Shultz next week, Kenaan said. But Kenaan said Palestinians from Jerusalem and the occupied territories would not attend the Jerusalem meeting unless the PLO approval was well publicised

and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat came out publicly behind it. Shultz is scheduled to arrive in occupied Jerusalem Sunday and, after speaking to Israeli leaders, will also visit Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

"We want a chance to discuss our grievances, and to tell him the PLO must be a party to peace talks on equal footing with al other parties," Kenaan told the

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said he believed a meeting between the Palestinians and Shultz would be beneficial for all sides. "If the PLO publicly agrees on a list of Palestinians to meet with Shultz, that would be great,

Freij told the AP. But he added that as far as he knew, no such list had been drawn up.

When Shultz visited the region in February, Palestinians from the territories heeded a call from the PLO and refused to meet him. The refusal was viewed by American officials as a setback for U.S. peace proposals.

The climate has changed because of Shultz's meeting Saturday with Edward Said, a Columbia University professor, and Ibrahim Abu Lughud of Northwestern University in Chicago.

Both men are members of the PNC, the PLO's legislative body. Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. denounced the talks as a violation of a U.S. commitment not to

meet with the PLO. But other officials close to U.S. efforts to start negotiations in the region said the meeting was intended to pave the way for further involvement of the Palestinians in the peace process.

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Eleven people, including two by Israel in 1985, said Israeli

Israeli gunners covered the advance by shelling Kfar Roumman and surrounding villages from Ibl Al Saqi village inside the zone, they said. Two SLA men were wounded in the

A United Nations source said more than 100 artillery shells and 30 mortar bombs slammed into Kfar Roumman. At least 11 houses were destroyed and villagers said they were blown up by the SLA and the Israelis. The SLA sources said the militia destroyed five houses after finding weapons in three of them.

The villagers said a 65-year-old man and his wife were found shot dead in the head inside their house. Hospital and police identified the other victims as a woman, two Egyptian workers, five Hizbollah fighters and an Amal militiaman. Seven peo-

ple were injured, they said. The Islamic Resistance, a coalition of resistance groups including Hizbollah, said Israeli shells hit two ambulances rushing to evacuate casualties from Kfar Roumman and nearby

After the force withdrew, Hizbollah and Amal militiamen brandishing rocket launchers and Kalashnikov rifles fanned out in the narrow streets of the village and nearby fields just beneath SLA hilltop posts.

Klar Roumman, a few km from the market town of Nabatiyeh which was also shelled, has been frequently attacked by SLA gunners overlooking the village. Islamic resistance said it repulsed

the Israeli-SLA advance and inflicted several casualties on the attackers. while Amal officials said an Israeli tank was destroyed at the entrance to the village. Security sources said earlier the

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Jordan marks Land Day with rallies, vow of support for Palestinian uprising

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency reports

AMMAN — People from all walks of life Wednesday held orderly and well organised demonstrations and rallies in support of the 15-week-old Palestinian national uprising on the

eve of the 12th Land Day anniversary.

a rally was held on the occasion and speakers praised Jordan's steadfastness of the uprising.

At the University of Jordan,

continued support of the Palestinian cause and hailed the Dr. Hani Abdul Rahman, dean of the Student Affairs

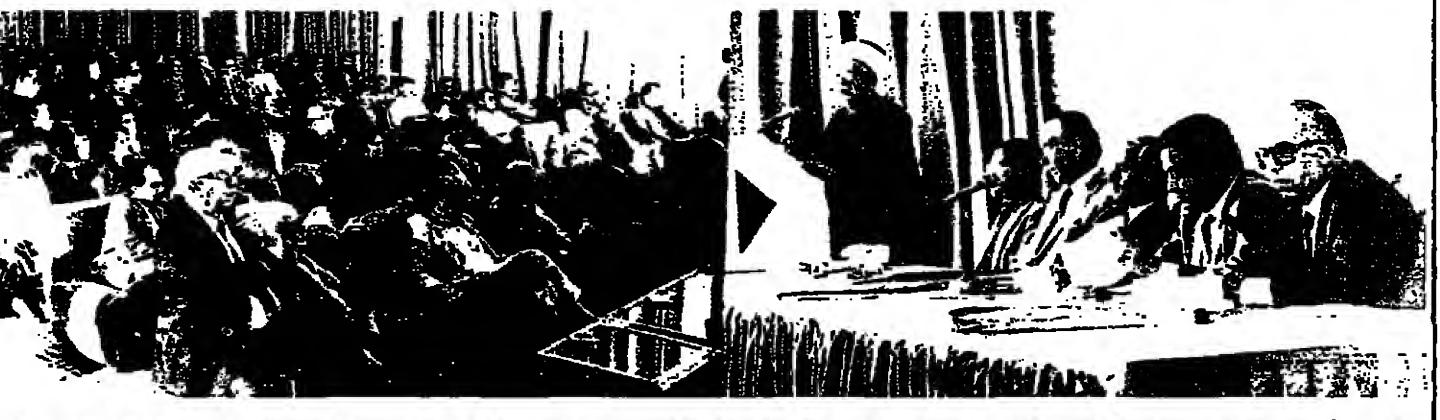
Department, praised the "integration of the Jordanian and Palestinian people in supporting the uprising."

Jordan, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, will remain the backbone of the Palestinian uprising until it achieves its goals." Speaking at the rally were

also Ahmad Shuqair, Dr. Abdul Aziz Haj Ahmad, Pharmacist Association President Tayseer Humsi and Dr. Ahmad Noufal from the Uni-

versity of Jordan. Following the rally students congregated and carried

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Palestine National Council Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saeh addresses a rally held at the Professional Association Complex Wednesday to mark Land Day (photo by Khalil Mazrawi)

King sends message to Assad

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai paid a brief working visit to Syria Wednesday and delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Syrian President Hafez Al

The Jordan News Agency. Petra, said Assad and Rifai also discussed the latest developments in the Middle East and the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza as well as issues of common concern. Attending the meeting, which included a working lunch, were Syrian Vice-President Abdul Khaddam and Prime Minister

Mahmoud Al Zu'bi. Rifai later held a separate meeting with Khaddam and

Rifai and Zu'bi held another meeting earlier Wednesday immediately after Rifai's arrival in Damascus. Rifai returned home later

Wednesday.

The King's message to Assad comes ahead of a planned visit to the Middle East by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in pursuit of a new American proposal for peace in the Middle East. The proposal was submitted to the region's leaders earlier this month by Shultz.

Shultz is due to return to the Middle East starting Sunday, and Jordan is among the states he plans to visit for talks on the

Syria has described the proposals as unacceptable in its present form. Jordan said it saw some positive elements in the

King Hussein sought a unified Arab stance on the U.S. proposals during visits this month to Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and Egypt.

Jordan, Egypt condemn Iran, pledge solidarity

Iranian gunboats attack Bubiyan; Kuwait reserves right to retaliate Agency, Petra, said His Majesty The Kuwaiti Defence Ministry

KUWAIT (Agencies) - Kuwait said three Iranian gunboats attacked its Gulf island of Bubiyan Wednesday and wounded two Kuwaiti servicemen in an exchange of fire. Iran denied the

A Defence Ministry statement said Kuwaiti troops fired back when the gunboats attacked positions on Bubiyan, about 30 kilometres northeast of Kuwait city and facing the southern theatre of the Iran-Iraq war. In Amman, Kuwaiti Foreign

Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told reporters he hoped there would be no further confrontations. "I hope this attack is not repe-

ated, especially now that we are attempting to build good relations with Iran," he said.

In Amman, the Jordan News

King Hussein contacted the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and condemned the Iranian attack. The King pledged Jordan's support for Kuwait "in the face of any aggression," Petra said. The Defence Ministry state-

ment, which did not mention Iranian casualties, said Kuwait reserved the right to retaliate. Bubiyan, inhabited only troops, serves as a forward defence position for Kuwait and is linked to the mainland by a

The marshy island of about 775 square kilometres, the largest of nine Kuwaiti islands in the Gulf. is separated by a narrow waterway from Iraq's Fao peninsula

which was occupied by Iranian

forces in February 1986.

clared that Kuwait "reserves the right to respond to any assault on its territory or infringement on its sovereignty. Shipping executives said ves-

sels near Bubiyan reported that the gunboats opened fire at a range of only a few hundreds metres from the island. The officials said the exchange

said Kuwait artillery on the island

any of the armed speedboats

were hit in the 8.15 a.m. (0515

GMT) clash. But shipping execu-

tives, speaking on condition of

The Kuwaiti communique de-

anonymity, said none was hit by

A communique did not say if

fired on the Iranians.

the Kuwaiti shellfire.

only lasted a few minutes before

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Iraqis attack Iranian towns, shipping; Mujahedeen claim Khuzestan victory

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said it fired three missiles into the central Iranian city of Esfahan Wednesday while its jets attacked an Iranian shuttle tanker in the

An Iraqi military spokesman said aircraft also raided the western Iranian cities of Dezful and Boroujerd and destroyed three Hawk anti-aircraft missile batteries at unspecified locations.

Gulf shipping sources said Iraqi jets hit and set on fire the 259,449-tonne Cypriot supertanker Anax south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal around 0630 Iraq has reported six attacks on

ships in the Gulf in the last 10 days, but Wednesday's strike was the first to be confirmed indepen-

Tehran Radio confirmed Iraqi planes bombed Boroujerd and Dezful Wednesday, damaging a number of houses. It had no

The radio said Iranian jets flew 17 bombing missions against Iraqi

world on casualties.

troops and defence lines in Iraq's northeastern Sulaymaniyah pro-Iranian rebels said they killed 2.000 Iranian Revolutionary

Guards in a two-day battle in the

oil-rich southern Khuzestan re-The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Iraq fired three long-runge missiles into Esfahan, and Tehran Radio said the missiles killed five

people, wounded several others and destroyed some houses and a mosque in the central Iranian gade. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Iranian war-

planes dropped 10 tonnes of bombs on Sulaymaniyah and fired 14 short-range missiles into border towns. INA said a number of civilians.

including three children, were kil-

Informal Afghan talks continue; U.S. hopes to clinch agreement rejected Wednesday an offer by Afghan President Najibullah to share power ahead of a possible

> Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the seven-party rebel alliance, said the offer of power would not lure the rebels from their nine-

year-old war. The rebels have turned down similar past offers by Kabul. Najibullah appealed to the Pakistan-based rebels in a radio broadcast Tuesday not to lose

what he called an historic chance and to contest national assembly elections from April 5 to 14. In a separate address Najibullah also called on individual guerrilla field commanders inside Afghanistan to stand in the elec-

tions.

gi-backed National Liberation Army (NLA) of Iran said a strike force of 15 brigades had returned to Iraq from the two-day drive into oil-rich Khuzestan province. The NLA, which seeks to top-

led in missile and shelling attacks.

Baghdad headquarters of the Ira-

A communique issued by the

ple Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government, claimed 1,500 Iranians were wounded and 500 captured, while it lost 30 killed and 92 wounded. It said its forces included two battalions of women fighters and was spearheaded by an armoured bri-

The NLA said it captured or destroyed Iranian equipment, including 17 Korean war-vintage U.S.-built M-47 tanks, armoured vehicles and rocket launchers, worth an estimated \$100 million.

It said its force, estimated at several thousand fighters, was spearheaded by an armoured brigade, the first time the NLA has used tanks since it began assaulting Iranian positions along the

battlefront 13 months ago. The operations is believed to be the biggest assault the NLA has mounted in that period.

The Baghdud communique said the NLA fighters decimated nine infantry, tank and artillery battalions of Iran's 77th Khorassan division in the fighting around the strategic highway running south from the garrison city of

Dezful. It said NLA forces withdrew with its war booty that included 4 M-47 tanks, an armoured personnel carrier, 106-mm guns and 45 heavy mortars.

Iran delays talks

The United Nations said Tuesday new talks aimed at halting the war due to begin Wednesday had been postponed at Iran's request.

GENEVA (Agencies) — The latest round of U.N.-sponsored negotiations on an Afghan peace settlement entered its fifth week Wednesday with the parties continuing efforts to settle the final question of future military aid to

the warring sides. No formal meetings were scheduled between U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez and the Afghan or Pakistani delegations Wednesday.

But Cordovez met separately with special Soviet envoy Nikolay Kozyrev and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Peck, both of whom have been following the indirect talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan since the latest round started March 2.

Peck told reporters as he en-

tered his meeting that he was "convinced that the Soviets want to withdraw and want an agreement, and we will stay here until

we get an agreement." He said, "the U.S. president is not going to be easily satisfied," and that an eventual accord "will have to ensure the withdrawal of Soviet troops, self-determination of the Afghan people, return of refugees and non-alignment of Afghanistan."

U.S. and Pakistani officials say the question of future military aid to the warring sides is the last obstacle to a comprehensive settlement designed to end more than eight years of fighting in Afghanistan.

Peck admitted Wednesday that the superpowers remain divided. by an "apparently intractible

tion to continue military supplies to Kabul. Washington wants them to stop in tandem with any end in U.S. aid to the Afghan rebels.

or both superpowers on that issue, the U.N. accord appeared doomed, diplomats said.

not even being discussed.

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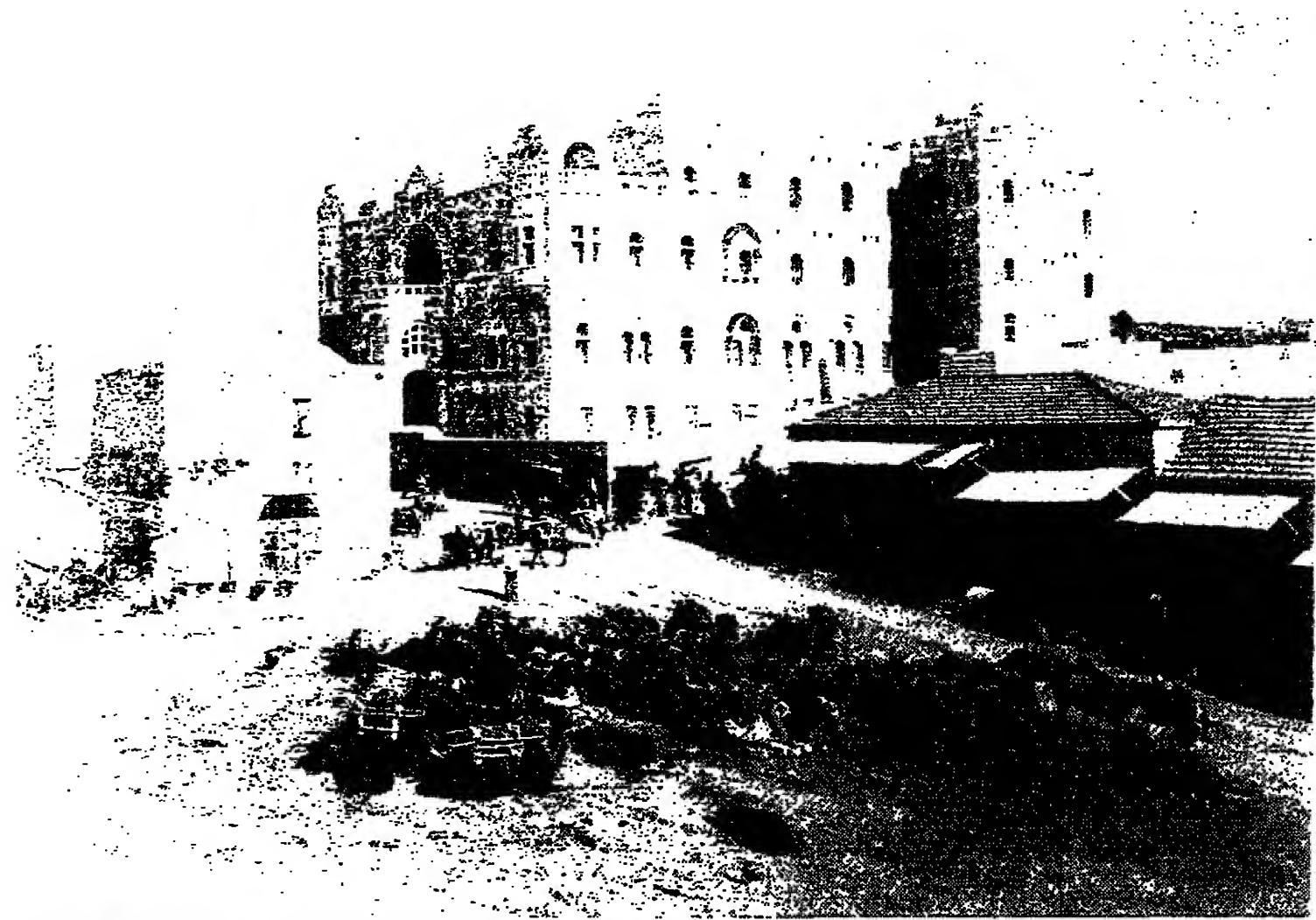
In Islamabad, Afghan rebels

problem" — Soviet determina-Soviet withdrawal from Afgha-

Without concessions from one

Kozyrev said it would be impossible for the Kremlin to end supplies to Kabul, and said it was

"The cutting off of aid is not a topic of discussion. It's impossible," he told reporters before meeting Cordovez.



A traditional camel caravan resting in front of one of the gates of Jerusalem, circa 1890.

A short history of Jordan - III

Sowing the seeds for Arab revolt

By Dr. Raouf Sa'd Abujaber

The following is the last of three articles summarising Jordan's history in the 19th century. The writer, a leading Jordanian businessman, is a researcher in contemporary history. He recently obtained his doctorate degree in history from St. Anthony's College at Oxford.

THE EGYPTIAN occupation of Bilad al-Sham between 1831 and 1841, in itself, was another sign of the general internal weakness in the Ottoman Empire. Muhammad 'Ali Pasha. the Wali of Egypt. and his son Ibrahim conquered all of Syria and for ten years consolidated four predominantly Arab provinces, Egypt, Damascus. Aleppo and Sayda, into a single political state. Egyptian rule for Syria in general

meant a better and more progressive administration but for Transjordan, it did not really bring much change. The Egyptian presence, at most times, was nominal, probably because the countryside did not have the potential normally required by conquerors. It had neither the population density that would provide a good number of conscripts for the army, nor did it offer any opportunity for collection of taxes on a

worthwhile scale. Furthermore, the lines of strategic and commercial communications and supply that were so important under the Mamluks during the 14th and 15th centuries were now replaced by the sea routes and the coastal roads. The improved performance of the Egyptian fleet, which was reorganised in 1829 on the basis of European standards, meant faster and less costly transportation of army reinforcements and supplies after the original major expedition had made its thrust into Syria. This situation greatly reduced the importance of south-eastern Bilad al-Sham and led to its neglect by the new administration.

The records of the Egyptian

campaign that are available to us do not mention the prevailing conditions in Transjordan, nor do they report in any detail the events or the military activity during the first stages of the Egyptian presence. It is probably safe to assume that the state of anarchy, tribal domination and limited interest in agriculture continued to prevail. Some useful information is derived from the minutes of the meeting held by the Majlis al-Shura (consultative council) in Damascus, on 24 Safar 1248 H/23 July 1832 A.D. These state clearly that the bedouins were, as before uncontrollable, and confirmed that: "The Bedouins were committing very unjust acts and mistreating people

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in Hawran, Irbid, and Ajloun, through plunder, taking by force and highway robbery. What lies behind this arrogance and greed is the absence of any cavalry forces in Bilad al-Sham. The mutasalim (governor) of Hawran is good for nothing and is more greedy than the bedouins."

With nothing much to look back to during these ten years, the people of Transjordan were not unhappy to see the end of Egyptian rule. They were even encouraged to participate in armed struggle to expedite the withdrawal and a record of these days of strife can be found in three books of the day. The first, Narrative of the Late Expedition under the Command of Admiral the Hon. Sir Robert Stopford, by W.P. Hunder, mentions the officers who were sent into the Syrian countryside, "to urge every Syrian to rise and harass to the ntmost of his power the retreating forces of the Ibrahim Pasha who had shown symptoms of evacuating Damascus." The second, The War in Syria, by Commodore Sir-Charles Napier, reports how Ibrahim Pasha succeeded by quick movements between al-Muzayrib, Zizia, al-Salt, al-Karak, and Jericho in holding off the Ottomans and their allies and withdrawing from Transjordan with the bulk of his forces. The third, Reminiscences of Syria. by Lieutenant Colonel E. Napier, gives an account of Napier's activity with his one hundred irregular horsemen at Umm Qays and also that of Count Szecheni, a captain of the Austrian Dragoons and a relation of Count Metternich. Assisted by Captain Lame of the French Army, the Austrian officer moved his six hundred irregulars, who were raised at Tubna in Nahiya al-Kura a few days earlier, and engaged the troops of Ibrahim Pasha at Jerash during the first few days of January 1841.

South-eastern Bilad al-Sham did not immediately feel however the winds of change that blew over the other provinces in the Ottoman Empire during the Tanzimat era, which brought reforms that were started by Sultan 'Abd al-Majid I (1839-1861). The countryside was poor, with a small population that paid meagre taxes whenever the governmental administration had the military means to stop bedouin oppression of the settled people. The northern part continued to live within the framework of the local mashyakhat (chieftainships), basically under bedouin domination whether as allies or foes. This situation continued until the

late 1840s when the Ottomans tried to extend their control southwards and announced the establishment of the Liwa' of 'Ailoun, to which was attached Irbid and al-Balqa'. Although this administrative addition appeared in the Salname-pidevlet-i aliyyeh-yi osmaniye of 1266 H/ 1844 A.D., it does not seem to led in it. have been put into effect until 1851, when a governor was quite different. The area in appointed and the district came under governmental control. Ungeneral had a relatively small population while the terrain was fortunately the salnames of 1850 to 1853 are missing from the rough and wild. The pilgrim caracollection at the Basbakanlik in van did not pass through the area and there was no potential for Istanbul but that of 1854 men-

any worthwhile amount of taxes tions Liwa 'Ajloun with only Nahiyat al-Kura attached to it. to be collected. The area was therefore again practically The Saluame of 1855 mentions ignored between the years 1841 four districts attached to Liwa 1894 when a serious and success-'Ajloun, Irbid, al-Balqa', and alful attempt was made to bring it Karak and this, in the absence of under direct Ottoman control. any actual Ottoman physical con-Although the immediate causes trol, must be explained as an for this decision are not yet well indication of the intentions of the documented, it is on record that wali of Damascus to try and Husayn Hihmi Pasha, until then control the countryside. To

general secretary of Wilaya achieve their aim, the Ottomans Suriya, was appointed by the wali resorted to a new drive to assist as the Mutasarrif of the Sanjaq of farmers and at the same time Ma'an in charge of three acciva cooperated with the bedouin ele-(provinces) of al-Salt, Ma'an and ments that seemed more ready Tafila. This appointment, which is and willing. This trend was mainconfirmed in the Salname tained and by 1867 al-Salt was Vilayet'i Suriya for 1312 H/1894 already controlled by the Otto-A.D., in effect enveloped the mans who had a governor instalwhole of Transjordan with the exception of the gada' of 'Ajloun The situation in the southern which was attached to the Sanjaq district of al-Karak was, however, of Hawran.

A thorough study involving documents in Damascus, the capital of the Governorate of Syria, will reveal the intricate manoeuvres that brought about these developments and how Husayn Hilmi Pasha managed, with about 4,000 troops and many presents and stipends, to enter al-Karak in peace. It is, now, generally recognised that the Ottoman administration was at long last established in the whole of Transjordan after an absence that may have continued for some three hundred years.



(Above) members of the Abu Jaber family and guests in the madafa of the Abu Jaber home at Yadonda, south of Amman, circa 1930, and (below)

bedonin warriors in Palestine at the turn of the century.



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21:30 Review of next week's programme 23:00 News summary in Arabic 23:10 Film contd. PROGRAMME TWO 18:00 Rue Carnot

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20:36 A programme on the West Bank

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

TODAY'S EVENTS

 ★ Egyptian Book Exhibition at the Professional Association Union. ⇒ Book exhibition at the Comprehensive Commercial Centre (Tower Build-

ing), Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle (perma-

nent).

General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.

Art exhibition by Samia Zarour at the Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts (until end of March)

Art exhibition by Mohammac Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery (runs through April 19).

Ahmad Tougan School. Open during school hours until June 1988. * From Gutenburg to Electronics Dar el Tifi (until 11 April) Goethe Insti-

* Russian House Exhibition at Sa'egh Commercial Centre, Abdali.

WORKSHOP * A specialised workshop on medical research, at University of Jordan Man-

BAZAAR

power Development Centre (runs until

April 10).

 ★ Charitable bazaar, held by Hamzeh Islamic Cultural Centre for Women at Ain Karem Society (runs until Monday April 4).

FILMS

* "Prizzi's Honour" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre. * "I quattro dell'oca selvaggia" (Italian) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Haya Arts Centre.

88:80 Morning Show 10:00 News Summary 10:05 Morning Show Contd. 11:00 News Summary 11:05 Listeners' Choice 12:00 News Summary 12:05 Listeners' Choice 12:30 Country Music 13:90 News Summary 13:05 Country Music 14:90 News Bulletin 14:10 Jordan Weekly 14:30 Jordan Weekly 15:09 In Concert 16:00 News Summary 16:05 Instrumentals 16:39 Old Favourites

17:00 In Concert

18:08 News Summary

18:05 Top Twenty

28:60 Discovering Music

21:09 Pop Talk

21:08 Jazz Hour 22:00 Rhythm and Blues 23:00 Hitsville: The Story of Motown 24:00 Close Down

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FOR THE TRAVELLER

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	Jeddah (RJ)
	Dhahran (RI)
89:55	Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
	Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
17:35	New York, Vienna (RJ)
18:15	London, Geneva (RI)
18:45	Bucharest, Larnaca (RJ)
19:20	Athens, Lamaca (RI)
20:15	
23:55	Baghdad (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

12:05	Cairo (MS
12:55	Abu Dhabi. Bahrain (Gf
	Kuwait (KU
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	Baghdad (I.A
	Amsterdam (KLV
	Frankfurt (LH
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ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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10:45	Larnaca, Athens (RJ)
12:00	Frankfurt (RJ)
12:15	Brussels, Paris (RJ)
12:30	London (RJ)
19:35	Kuwait (RJ)
19:45	Dubai, Muscat (RJ)
19:50	Bahrain, Doha (RJ)
19:55	Baghdad (RJ)
	Jeddah (RJ)
20:15	Cairo (RJ)
20:35	Abu Dhabi (R1)
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World News 19:09 Commentary 19:15

Science in Action 19:45 The World

Today 29:00 World News 20:09 A

Letter from Northern Ireland 28:15

Music Now 20:45 Sports Roundup

21:90 Newsdesk 21:30 Multitrack

22:00 News Summary; Outlook 22:39

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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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PRAYER TIMES

MONEY EXCHANG	E
Wednesday r	ates
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Belgian franc 95.5/	97.2
Dutch guilder 178/	[8].4
French franc 58.1/	60
Italian lira	29.5
Japanese yen (for 100) 265.4/	271.3
Swedish grown 56.5/	57.5
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WEATHER

Swiss franc 241.7/ 246.5

U.K. sterling pound 619.6' 634.1

U.S. dollar 334.1/ 339.4

W. German mark 197.7/ 203.6

Bulletin supplied by the Department of

With different types of clouds appearing at varying heights and northwesterly moderate winds, there is likely to be slight increase in temperature during the day. In Aquba, the winds will be north-westerly and calm seas.

Min/max. (emp. Amman. Agaba 15 / 26 Deserts 4 / 21 Jordan Valley 11 / 25 Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 14, Agaba 23. Humidity readings:

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up 62:60 World News: Commentary

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Municipal water complaints 771125/8 Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

HOSPITALS

Hussein Medical Centre 813813/32 Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn ... 644281/6 Akileh Maternity, J. Ann.... 642441/2 Jabai Amman Maternity 642362 Malhas, J. Amman 636140 Palestine, Shmeisani Shmeisani Hospital 669131 University Hospital 845845 Al-Muasher Hospital The Islamic, Abdali 666127/37 Al-Ahli, Abdali 6641646 Italian, Al-Muhajreen 777101/3 Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 775111/26 Army, Marka 891611/15 Queen Alia Hospital 602240/50

Amal Hospital 674155

Dr. Munir Qaqish Dr. Adel Ammari 812148 Dr. Awri Hawamdeh 777665 Dr. Yousef Rashed Firas pharmacy 661912 Al Asema pharmacy 637055 Nairoukh pharmacy Al Salam pharmacy 636730 Yacoub pharmacy Shmeisani pharmacy 637660 TAXIS:

Venice taxi 644584 Asfour taxi Tamer taxi Nahda taxi

Sharaa pharmacy 275825 Dr. Ghada Akari (---)
Khalifeh pharmacy 985417 GENERAL

Jordan Television 7731 [1/19 Radio Jordan 774111/19 Ministry of Tourism 642311 Hotel complaints 666412 Price complaints 661176 Jordan and Middle East calls 10 Repair service11

MARKET PRICES

Apple (green) 470 / 400 Marrow 320 / 280 Banana 350 / 300 Onion (green) 150 / 100 Banana (Mukammar) 300 / 240 Onion (dry) 250 / 220 Oranges (local) 240 / 180 Beans (broad) 360 / 300 Oranges (Shammouti) 350 / 380 Cabbage 180 / 140 Pepper (hor) 620 / 520 Cauliflower (white) 200 / 150 Pepper (sweet) 300 / 250 Cucumbers 280 / 220 Eggplant (smail) 320 / 280 Spinach 140 / 80 Garlic (dry) 120 / 80 68:90 Aqaba (RJ)

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HAMMOURI- IN CAIRO: Minister of Culture and National Heritage Dr. Mohammad Hammouri met in Cairo Wednesday with Egyptein Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and reviewed Jordanian-Egyptian relations.

TRADE DELEGATION: A high-level Egyptian trade delegation is due here next Wednesday to represent the Egyptian side in the technical committee of the Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee. The two sides in the committee will discuss means of enhancing and strengthening trade and economic ties.

NIMER IN TUNIS: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimer will lead Jordan's delegation to the meetings, of the 89th session of the Arab League Council which will open here Thursday. The council will discuss topics related to joint Arab action, Israeli-African relations, Euro-Arab dialogue, arms cooperation between Israel and Iran as well as implementation of the council's resolutions.

STATISTICS TALKS END: A meeting on statistics activity in the Arab World ended in Amman Wednesday with the delegates issuing several, recommendations designed to help various Arab statistics department to promote their operations. The director of the Jordanian Department of Statistics said that the participants who represented 10 Arab countries and a number of specialised organisations urged the Baghdad based Arab Statistical Institute for Training and Research to offer advice to Sudan on implementing training programmes in statistics related to agriculture.

NIGHT MAIL SORTING: Minister of Transport and Communications Khaled Al Haj Hassan during a visit to Amman Communications Department at Amman Central Post Office Wednesday, said that the ministry was conducting an urgent study to introduce the night mail sorting service at Amman Central Post Office which serves as the postal exchange office between Jordan and world's countries. PARLIAMENTARIANS: A Jordanian parliamentary delegation Wednesday returned to Amman after a week-long visit to Egypt at the invitation of Egyptian People's Council. During the visit the delegation held falks with Speaker of the Egyptian People's

parliamentary field as well as latest developments in the Arab World. U.N. TEAM LEAVES: A 10-member U.N. fact-finding mission Wednesday ended a several-day official visit to Jordan during which they were received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and met with a number of senior officials. The mission, representing the U.N. Information Office, was briefed on the various issues of the region.

Council and a number of Egyptian officials on bilateral relations in

EMBEZZLER SENTENCED: The military court has sentenced Marwan Mesbah Mohammad Hajjir to three years in prison and fined him JD 18,156 for embezzling public funds. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

SOLAR RAY: The Department of Meteorology will install 10 stations for gauging solar ray throughout the Kingdom. The department has sent four of its staff to West Germany to receive raining in the commissioning and maintenance of these stations. ART EXHIBITION: Director General of the Jordanian News

Agency, Petra, Wednesday opened an art exhibition by Mohammad Abu Zreiq at the Alia Art Gallery. On display at the week-long exhibition are 37 paintings depicting the suffering of Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories and their resistance of the Israeli occupation.

LABOUR UNIONS: A delegation representing Jordanian labour unions has returned from Moscow after taking part in a training seminar for union leaders which lasted several weeks. Apart from lectures, the participants were taken on tours of different workers' centres in the Soviet Union.

EXHIBITION: Yarmonk University has opened a Palestinian cultural exhibition to mark Land Day and the continued Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories. The students union at the university will hold a special festival on the occasion Sunday. EXTRA ALLOWANCES: The government has allocated JD 2.4

million as extra allowances for citizens appointed in government departments, other than the Ministry of Education, on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, according to Al Dustour Arabic daily. The paper said that employees appointed in the occupied territories after the 1967 occupation will benefit from the allowances at the rate of JD 20-30 for those in the Gaza Strip and JD 25-35 for those in the West Bank.

YOUTH KILLS AUNT: A 16-year-old boy identified as G.S.G. shot and killed his own aunt aged 30 and a 38-year-old man, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily. The paper said that the boy used a hand gun to fire on the two victims at a place near Karameh in the Jordan Valley. The boy was apprehended and the police were holding an investigation.

CONFERENCES: The 13th meeting of the Arab Health Ministers Council will open in Amman on April 1 and the 15th Arab dentists conference will open on April 6. The Jordanian pharmacists conference will be held between April 6 and 8 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

COMBATTING CRIME: A higher committee on combatting crime in Jordan is due to hold its first meeting on Saturday April 9 under the chairmanship of Public Security Department PSD Director General Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali. On the committee are prominent figures serving in the private and public sectors as well as professors at universities and prominent Jordanian

10 TRAINING COURSES: Institute of Public Administration will organise 10 training courses on regional planning during the years 1988 and 1989. The courses will be held in cooperation with the Planning Ministry and the West German government.

Cairo governor arrives

.AMMAN (Petra) - Cairo Governor Major General Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb and his accompanying delegation arrived here Wednesday for a five-day official visit to Jordan for talks with Jordanian officials on enhancing cooperation between Cairo and

Amman. During the visit, the two sides will also sign an agreement and an executive programme for

cooperation between Cairo and Amman, which were initialled in Cairo in 1986.

The Egyptian guest was re-

ceived upon arrival by Amman able to participate in all kinds of Governor Mohammad Ali Al traditional country sports and Amin, Greater Amman Mayor games as well as watch folk dances, listen to music and enjoy Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, the various exhibitions. Egyptian Ambassador in Amman Ihab Wahbeh and other senior The games will include such old favourites as tossing the officials. horseshoe, marbles, hopscotch, tug of war and egg and spoon and



Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin and Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh receive Governor of Cairo Major General Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb in Amman Wednesday (Petra photo).

Ministry to implement new hospital admission law

AMMAN — Ministry hospitals around the country have started implementing Ministry of Health regulations concerning the admis-

sion of patients to hospitals. ... Only those covered by the general health insurance system. can be admitted to government hospitals, provided they are re-

ferred to these hospitals by doctors employed at health centres. and in accordance with the medical-card system.

Health Ministry officials said that first aid and emergency cases are to be exempted from these p.m. and again from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily, the festival will run



Her Majesty Queen Noor opens a charity bazaar Wednesday at the Plaza Hotel (Petra photo)

Queen Noor opens charity bazaar; proceeds to benefit Palestinian revolt

Queen Noor Wednesday opened a charity bazaar the proceeds of which will benefit the current Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The bazaar, organised by charitable societies in the Amman area was set up to commemorate Land Day and in a show of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The Queen toured the different sections of the bazaar and in-

Mohammad

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal

Highness Prince Mohammad, the

personal representative of His

Majesty King Hussein, Wednes-

day visited the headquarters of

King Hussein Ibn Ali Brigade

and inspected the progress of

Prince Mohammad was also

briefed on the brigade's duties

Khasawneh

Japanese

journalists

AMMAN (Petra) - A visiting

Japanese journalists delegation

met here Wednesday with Minis-

ter of Information Hani Khasaw-

neh to discuss Middle East issues.

Jordanian-Japanese relations and

means for enhancing bilateral

The delegation members are

here in advance of a visit to Japan

by His Royal Highness Crown

By Meg Abu Hamdan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- Reviving the age old

atmosphere of a country fair next

Thursday will be the Haya Art

Centre's Spring Festival. Orga-

nised to provide entertainment

for the whole family during the

coming school holiday, the Spring

Festival will also help raise funds

for the Haya Centre's latest pro-

ject — a Mobile Life and Science

Visitors to the Festival will be

training at the brigade's units.

Prince

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charitable and philanthropic societies grouped in the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS). These included national costumes, embroideries, carpets, wood and metal works artificial flowers, paintings and other handicrafts.

The exhibition, organised at the Amman Plaza Hotel, has a special wing for the Jerusalem. charitable society which displays Holy Land products.

Later, Queen Noor watched a

AMMAN (Petra) --- Her Majesty spected items contributed by 24 show of national costumes from all parts of the Kingdom, and the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

> The director of the Amman GUVS branch made a speech on the occasion, thanking the Queen for patronising the event and her continued and relentless efforts to support charity work.

He paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Palestinian people and said that GUVS will give JD 200 to every society that took part in the

Crown Prince visits Armed Forces units

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday conducted inspection tours of Armed Forces units in their training fields, where he watched exercises underway and was briefed on operations and training plans.

Later Prince Hassan visited un-

its of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division and watched military ex-

His last stop was at the 12th Royal Mechanised Division units where he was briefed on training plans and watched exercises with live ammunition also involving air support.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan watches an Armed Forces unit exercising with live ammunition.

تحت رحاية ملالبة الملترة فري المسيدة المقاتة

Haya centre's spring festival kicks off today

Ureikat

AMMAN (Petra) - The cabinet legation to the Arab Ministers of Social Affairs Executive Council meetings due to open in Tunis on

Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat.

The cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi, decided that Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud pay a visit to Syria in the coming month with the purpose of touring agri-

Ophthalmologic conference opens

Hamzeh stresses importance of health care programme

AMMAN (Petra) — The first Jordanian ophthalmologic conference opened at the University of Jordan's faculty of engineering Wednesday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Nearly 120 delegates from Jordan. Arab and foreign countries will discuss 37 working papers dealing with various forms of eye diseases and their treatment.

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh, who deputised for Prince Hassan. opened the conference with a speech in which he stressed the importance of a primary health care programme being implemented by the Health Ministry in Jordan.

health centres are being opened in all regions, and hospital services are being developed and modernised in a bid to cope with

the growing needs, and to meet a U.N. target to provide health services to all people by the year

The chairman of the conference's executive committee made a speech in which he reviewed the history of eye surgery in Jordan, and said that major developments have been achieved in this field over the past few years.

The Jordanian Ophthalmolog-Hamzeh noted that integrated ists Society President Abdul Mu'iz Shawer spoke about the society's development and activities which include seminars and lectures on eye treatment.

According to the preparatory committee, diseases like diabetes, the employmen of laser beams in diagnosing and reating eye ailments and dealing with eye inflammation, are among subjects to be taken up by the participants in the three-day confer-

Following the opening of the conference a medical exhibition was inaugurated displaying a variety of equipment used in the eye treatment and surgery and also eye medications.

More than 20 local and international firms and factories have displayed samples of these products for the benefit of the parti-

Representatives of Jordanian Universities, the Royal Medical Services and the Jordan Medical Association were present at the opening session.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh speaks at the opening of the first Jordanian Ophthalmologic Conference in Amman Wednesday (Petra photo)

to head team for Tunis talks

Wednesday formed Jordan's de-April 12.

The delegation will be led by

cultural projects.

The cabinet also decided that Jordan should take part in an Arab telecommunications meeting due to be held in Damascus on April 11.

Majesty Queen Noor with a trail-

er in which the museum exhibits

and equipment will travel. Custo-

mising the trailer to the Haya

Ministry of Awqaf discusses transportation of pilgrims

AMMAN (Petra and J.T.) — Arrangements for the coming pilgrimage season in Saudi Arabia and the provision of means of transport for Jordanian pilgrims were among topics discussed at a meeting held Wednesday at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic

Representatives of concerned departments, transport companies and the traffic department were present at the meeting which discussed resting places for the pilgrims on the way to the holy places.

pilgrims affairs said it will allow no more than 15,000 pilgrims from Jordan and the occupied Arab territories to perform this year's pilgrimage in Mecca, in view of the great numbers of Muslims converging on Saudi Arabia, and the limited accommodation facilities available in that country for pilgrims.

According to ministry officials no less than 200 air conditioned buses will be used to transport the pilgrims from Jordan to Saudi Arabia and back during the coming pilgrimage season; and minis-Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic try medical missions will accom-Affairs which takes charge of pany pilgrims on their journey.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh receives North Yemeni Health Minister Sadeq Alloush in Amman Wednesday (Petra photo)

North Yemeni health minister arrives for talks

AMMAN (Petra + J.T.) — North Yemen's Health Minister Sadeq Alloush arrived in Amman Wednesday evening to take part in the Arab health ministers executive bureau meeting due to open here Friday, and the 13th meeting of the Arab Health Ministers Council which starts Sunday.

Health Ministry officials here said that the Arab health ministers will discuss health conditions in the occupied Arab territories, and means of bolstering inter-Arab cooperation in the field of health. On the executive bureau are

delegates from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Tunisia, and specialists.

Sudan and North Yemen. Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh. who greeted his North Yemeni counterpart at the airport, had said that his talks with Dr. Alloush will cover North Yemeni-Jordanian cooperation, which includes the employment of Jordanian doctors in North Yemen's hospitals and health cen-The minister said that North

Yemen was expected to offer employment to 300 Jordanian doctors, to become the second Arab country to employ Jordanian doctors services after Libya. Libya recently concluded contracts with 160 Jordanian doctors

We draw the attention of the public that

The decision was taken to enable summer season.

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Agility, stamina and balance will be the key factors in such events as the skipping, hoola hoop and the dancer (jumping a rope tied to a tennis ball that is spun round from a hoop attached to one ankle) competitions. Apart from the children's

sack races, while lots of target

practice will be needed in the

archery, catapult and seven

museum, visitors will be able to see exhibitions of children's books, scientific games, children's art, computers, and a display that shows how many toys and several of the games played at the festival can be made from objects found at home.

Finally cakes, hotdogs and popcom among much else will be available from a food tent. Nominal fees will be charged for entry and participation while

less than normal fees will be

charged for the use of the centre's usual facilities. Opening from 10 a.m. until 2

for five days. All the money raised will go to the Mobile Life and Science Museum Project, as will the funds from two concerts to be given on April 7 and 8 at the Palace of Culture by the local group Mirage.

The project, to initiate the Mobile Life and Science Museum, was prompted by the success of the Children's Heritage and Science Museum, established at the Haya Arts Centre in 1986. Like the Children's Heritage

and Science Museum, the Mobile

museum will have exhibits that

concepts they encounter, leaving them with an unforgettable, practical and useful experience. Unlike the museum at the centre

on opportunity to learn about the

however, the mobile museum, which will be implemented by the Haya Centre in coordination with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the Royal Scientific Society, will reach out to every village, camp, city and school, in fact any place with a settled community regardless of its size or social

In order to get the project off are designed in such a way that to an excellent start the Mercedes young visitors are given a hands- Benz Company presented Her

Centre's specifications is the next step and one that should be completed by June. In the meantime the centre's priority will be to secure funding for the customising and equipping of the trailer, as well as for hiring the personnel to run the progгаште.

The exhibits themselves will be designed to be as solid and compact as possible. On arrival they will be rolled out and set up in a school playground or town square under a special compact canopy while the

trailer's public address system

will announce the museum's

arrival.

The exhibits will include objects that can be handled and operated or just looked at. There will be puppet shows, film shows, story telling, pamphlets about different subjects, questionnaires and quizes with symbolic prizes and a small children's library. A crew of four qualified people

will work as a team to operate all aspects of the mobile museum from trailer maintenance to story telling. This crew will be selected at the beginning of the project, and

after receiving special training in

all the different aspects of the

project they would help build up the project themselves. They would also participate in a study to assess the needs of the touring museum's target audience to assure its relevance to their

way of life. With visits made in cooperation with all the locally concerned municipalities, charity organisations, local councils and educational, youth and welfare departments, the museum would have a year round programme to visit

cities, towns, camps and their

surrounding area all over Jordan.

SUMMER TIME

Jordan will switch to summer time as of April 1, 1988, in accordance with a cabinet decision. Clocks will be put forward by 60 minutes at 12 midnight (tonight) Thursday, March 31, 1988, for the summer time that will last until October 7, 1988.

members of the public to benefit from long daylight hours during the

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Carry on Mr. Shultz

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's planned visit to the capitals of the region next week is an indication that Washington intends to try to breathe new life into its peace initiative. The fact that the Shultz peace formula was neither accepted nor rejected by the state's which were given the peace plan puts it in a state of limbo for the time being, pending the incorporation therein of some elements or dimensions that are still lacking. The PLO was also noticeably ignored by Washington in its peace ideas, and this may explain the rejection of the U.S. peace initiative by the Palestinians. But the fact that Mr. Shultz met with two prominent members of the Palestine National Council on Saturday may be a signal that Washington intends to rectify this omission. Jordan and the rest of the Arab states have declared on more than one occasion that they view the PLO's participation in the peace process in the Middle East as a sine qua non for its success. The continuation of the Palestinian uprising must be construed as a clear message to Washington, Israel and all other parties that the Palestinian factor in the peace equation may not be bypassed with impunity and without fatal side-effects.

Viewed against the backdrop of key omissions in the U.S. peace plan, Mr. Shultz's decision to launch another round of shuttle diplomacy in the region could signal Washington's open-mindedness about its plan, and that it may entertain some positive changes in it, to render it more acceptable. After all, the peace plan is not sacrosanct, and it can be amended and corrected. The Arab capitals are on record that while withholding any final verdict on the U.S. plan, they seek improvements in the plan. Israel is on record as having rejected the main features of the U.S. plan. It will take considerable determination and political will on the part of Washington to obtain Israel's acquiescence to its peace proposals. Mr. Shultz's visit to the Middle East has formidable objectives. If he succeeds, he would give the U.S. plan a new lease on life: unless, of course, Israel persists in its determination to derail Shultz's mission and deal it a fatal blow, by insisting on its own untenable positions, which have been rejected time and again by the whole world. On balance, the extra effort being exerted is worth it, despite our strong reservations about the fundamental willingness of the U.S. to accept the reality of Palestinian national rights. Another trip cannot hurt.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Palestinians battle Israelis

ON the Land Day anniversary every part of the Palestinian land is rising in the face of the oppressors, and the people and the young men and women who form part of the big land of Palestine are waging a revolt against the Israeli occupation forces. Today, the anniversary of the Land Day comes as the young people of Palestine are shaking the earth under the Israeli forces' feet and boldly facing the bullets and raining the Israelis with their stones, bottles, and other items available to them. They are not afraid by the siege imposed on their cities and refugee camps, and are determined to pursue the fight for freedom. Every bit of the land of Palestine is rising in anger against the Israeli invaders making a louder noise than the Israeli tanks and bullets, and showing more effectiveness than the atrocities and the inhuman practices that the Israelis have been maintaining in the land of Palestine over the past 40 years. On the Land Day anniversary the Arab people of Palestine are all out in a body against the oppressors, driving the Israelis to think whether they are in the promised land or in hell

Al Dustour: A day of dignity

THE whole Arab Nation today observes Land Day anniversary which this year comes amidst a national uprising in the occupied Arab territory. This anniversary follows the fall of many Palestinian martyrs in the course of their fight for freedom, and amidst an upsurge of popular revolt against the Israeli invaders and oppressors. Land Day symbolises a day of dignity for the nation and a day to remember the continued struggle by the oppressed people seeking liberation in their own homeland. Today, the Arab Nation is filled with a feeling of pride over the achievement of their kinsmen under Israeli rule, and it is hoped that the anniversary will prompt various Arab governments to extend further support and backing at all levels to the Palestinian people. The Palestinians need moral and material support and assistance to the families of the martyrs and those detained in Israeli jails. King Hussein set the example for all others by offering his personal allocations for the month of March for the benefit of the Palestinians, and this royal gesture reflects the deep sympathy the King has for his people and his brothers.

Sawt Al Shaab: Solidarity and unity

WHEN the Arab people of Palestine launched their uprising in 1976, offering six martyrs in the struggle for freedom, it became clear to all people that Israel can never obliterate the Arab identity of Palestine or swallow up the land and its people. The 1976 events are observed today as Land Day and considered as a beacon leading all the people of Palestine towards their objectives in freedom and in regaining their legitimate lands and rights. Land Day is considered a day of dignity for the Palestinian Arabs, and a day of sacrifice and a remembrance of the martyrs who fell at Deir Hanna, Arraba, Sakhnin and Sawaed villages occupied by Israel since 1948. It is from those four villages that the spark of violent resistance emerged, prompting all Palestinians to rise up in the face of occupation forces and the oppressors. On the 17th anniversary of Land Day the Arab people are witnessing a new prising and an upsurge of resistance by the Palestinian people in territories occupied since 1967. Our observance of Land Day is a show of solidarity with the Palestinian people under Israeli rule and a renewed manifestation of the unity between the two peoples who are determined to thwart Zionist ambitions in Arab land.

Government spending: The alternative approach

By Nayef S. Zubi

IN a previous article, I have presented the Keynesian argument for government spending programmes. There. I have pointed out that from a Keynesian perspective, government spending programmes unambiguously increase output, employment, and production. The focus of such perspective on the partial income effects of government spending programmes and its complete neglect of the substitution effects of such programmes are to blame for the proposed positive results. Here I present the alternative framework: The classical approach.

The classical economics approach focuses on both income and substitution effects of government policies in a rather general setting. It points out that by stressing only partial income effects, and by neglecting the substitution effects of government spending,

wrong conclusions will be formed.

In contrast to the Keynesian model, which is a partial equilibrium approach to economics, the alternative approach — the classical approach — is a general equilibrium model. In a simpler language, in this approach, the effect of, for example, a government spending programme on economic activity, does not only involve the partial positive income effects of government spending on the recipient, it also involves its income negative effects on those who are supposed to finance it. For every Abdulla — the recipient — there is Tawfiq

This approach — the classical approach — is an incentive approach and not an illusion approach. It focuses on the change in the incentive structure brought about by government spending. It dismisses the illusion approach of the demand side economics. People do not have money illusion: You simply can create real resources over the short run by printing money — Monetarist School. People do not have bond illusion: You simply can create real resources by issuing government bonds or debt financing — Kevnesian School. People do not have exchange rate illusion: You simply can increase real resources — increase output, employment and production at home markets through increasing exports, curtailing imports — by devaluations! People respond to incentives. Relative prices, and not nominal prices are the relevant variables for both allocating and distributing resources and transmitting information.

The fundamental premises of this economic framework are: 1. Individuals provide their services to the marketplace in order to acquire an after-tax flow of net consumption. The supply of work effort is in itself a demand for goods and services. Any reduction in the amount of net consumption people receive for supplying their services will elicit a reduction in the amount of the serivces they will supply. In sum, incentives are what drive the economy and not the level of aggregate demand.

2. People compare alternative activities partly based on net after-tax consumption in order to decide what to do. 3. Governments do not have resources of their own. Government spending should come, by definition, from the economy's resources

and at the expense of the economy's other best alternative. 4. Focusing only on the income effect of government spending, while neglecting the substitution effect in its entirety, would simply lead to the wrong conclusion. Taking from Tawfiq and giving to Abdulla would simply net to zero in a general equilibrium model. What Abdulla spends is offset by what Tawfiq abstains from spending — when buying more government debt, or holding more money, or paying more taxes. More to that are the disincentive effects involved. Most important also is the fact the recipients of government spending programmes will be obliged, in general, to limit the amount of services they supply to the marketplace in order to be eligible for a government spending programme, be it a housing loan or a transfer payment.

5. The government obviously has a role to play in economic activity. Reducing the size of the government, limiting its role to those areas where it can use less resources compared to the private sector for an economic activity — the public good, or where it can be as efficient — nationalised goods should be a prime goal. Limiting the government's monopoly over being the final arbiter in redistributing wealth through transfer payments programmes and different waste programmes is what is meant by reducing the role of the government. Limiting the size of government to those activities that are generally accepted to be within the government's province: Defence and internal security is of prime importance.

6. It is the duty of the government which has a quasi-monopoly over the creation of money, to guarantee the purchasing power of its money. Printing paper money to command over real resources, resources that are just as real as those obtained by taxation, to use Keynes words, entails a misuse of authority, and need not work always. New paradigms in economics are questioning the conventional wisdom of the efficacy of money supply increments in increasing real output over short periods which forms the basic argument of the Monetarist school of thought. People learn and learn fast. In efficient markets, money supply changes are already integrated in their economic decisions.

7. Tax policy should not focus on providing tax rebates and tax breaks. It should involve reducing effective marginal tax rates. 8. The source of persistent unemployment is not caused by insufficiency in demand. It could be explained by lack of incentives, and distortions caused by government policies.

Government spending, while important in terms of its impact, could have negative effects on economic activities.

10. Devaluation does not improve trade; it invites inflation and undermines confidence.

Armed with those fundamental premises, we will be in a position to analyse the specifics of the latest government programmes which will be the subject of the other two articles.

Arabs in Israel support uprising

By Paul Taylor

NAZARETH, Israel — When lawyer Walid Fahoum wrote a recent short story on his divided feelings as an Arab citizen of Israel, he called it "the schizophrenic ketfiyeh."

Fahoum, who defends political prisoners in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, imagined a dialogue with the chequered Arab head-dress he hangs in his windshield when driving through the territories to save his Israelilicenced car from being stoned by Palestinian demonstrators.

The keffryeh suffers a split personality because it is hidden furtively under the dashboard when Fahoum returns inside the "green line," Israel's pre-1967 border, lest angry Israeli Jews attack his

is a metaphor for the identity crisis of Israel's 700,000 Arab residents as they watch an uprising among the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories, now in its fourth month.

"We support the aims of the uprising. We hope the Palestimians get a state in the West Bank and Gaza, but we are Nazarenes, and law-abiding Arab citizens of Israel," said Safwan Fahoum, a spokesman for Nazareth's Com-

That which you never will:

munist municipality. Many Israeli Arabs say they

want to see a Palestinian state alongside Israel in the areas occupied in 1967, but none apparently Gaza. plans to move there.

share of Israel's state budget for their towns and villages, for better schools, roads and sewage, for greater recognition of their cul-

Minority in Israel

"Nazareth is my home. This is where my people have lived for centuries. I will not leave. I will fight for full equality within Israel," said lawyer Aziz Shehadeh of the leftist Progressive line." List for Peace.

"It is our destiny to be a minority in a Jewish state. If there were a Palestinian state next door, our status would be "The schizophrenic keffiyeh" better defended," he said.

To support their brethren in the occupied territories. Arabs in Israel have staged a massive oneday strike, held rallies, raised money and collected food and Arab member of parliament

Abdel Wahab Daraoushe resigned from the government-coalition Israeli Labour Party in protest at repression in the occupation zone.

In isolated incidents, Arabs

have thrown stones and petrol bombs at Israeli buses travelling through Arab areas, imitating militants in the West Bank and

Police say about 200 Israeli

Their struggle is for a fairer Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in violence since the revolt in the occupied territories began last De-Israeli Jews, who long treated

their Arab fellow citizens with a mixture of suspicion and neglect, were traumatised in December when Arab protesters stoned Jewish cars and houses in Jaffa, adjoining Tel Aviv, and in Ramle and Nazareth inside the "green

Until then, most had seen the Arabs as docile second-class citizens, unskilled labourers or farm workers, privileged to partake of Israeli "democracy."

Both Arabs and Jews saw a land day strike and demonstrations Wednesday as a test of the radicalisation of Israel's Arab Israeli authorities have mobil-

ised 4,000 policemen, called out army reservists and warned that violence will be crushed without

The elephant and the fly

"If the Arabs of Israel don't come to their senses, reality will

be harder and laden with impending disaster," right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in a newspaper interview. "I hope the Arabs will not test our strength on land day." he

said. "But I am not afraid. A test

of strength between us and them is like a contest between an elephant and a fly." In one of a series of measures meant to forestall trouble on land day. Shamir banned the Communist Party newspaper Al Itti-

had for a week, accusing it of publishing incitement to unrest. Many Arabs believe such security measures could spark

precisely the militancy which the government is seeking to dis-"If they treat us like residents

of the territories and suspend our rights, we will end up behaving like residents of the territories and rebelling," an Arab official Arab militants complain that

far from being a strident voice of Palestinian nationalism, the Moscow-line Rakah Communist Party has acted as a brake on the protest movement. They say the Communists have

resisted tougher strike action and economic pressure on the Israeli government.

Randa Habibs

Trotting in the limelight

"ANOTHER around-the-globe trotter hits the road." You may think this is the title of a Woody Allen's movie, or the theme of an avant-guard theatrical production. If so, you have come to the wrong conclusion. In fact, it is a headline for an article published in the Jordan Times which I came across about three months ago. The story was about a Jordanian young man who made up his mind to go around the world on foot. Two other Jordanians had already set out separately seeking the same feat. I read that article and it settled in the back of my mind until last Monday. To tell you the truth, I had been very impressed with the daring idea and, until then, I was thinking the adventurous youth must have "dropped anchor" in Timbuktu or Katmandu, in his muchblessed and media-covered trek. On Monday, however, I noticed the forementioned "stroller" - as I remember his face from the photos he had distributed to the press as part of a media campaign he had launched before his project -- "strolling" in Shmeisuni. To make a long story short, I learned from him that he already walked around Jordan and that he was planning to resume his "crosscontinental" walk in two months time. "I didn't receive enough media coverage when I took off," he remarked in reference to his "shelved" project. What an innovative way of hitting the limelight. It seems that the shortest way to "glory" is a long walk even when dreams don't come true.

Turkey mobilises hearts and minds against rebels

By John Owen-Davies

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey — Turkey is digging in for a long struggle against Kurdish rebels, pinning hopes for victory on a joint military and hearts and minds campaign.

- security precautions and economic, cultural and social work. We are trying to combine the two," regional governor Hayri

There is no end in sight to rebel violence that has claimed more than 900 lives since 1984 when the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) launched its latest push for autonomy for Turkey's estimated eight million Kurds.

Iraq and northern Iran.

hierarchy.

under emergency law.

able to gain power in a region and establish themselves," he added.

Insurgency mounts

were not sufficient to crush the

ments, in an area with five million people, mainly Kurds. Kurdish guerrillas last Friday

hanged a village teacher claiming he was an informer near the town of Mardin. 90 kilometres south of Divarbakir. Two days later four

"We have two different ways Kozakciogłu said.

Turkey has almost half the estimated total of 17 million Kurds, who also live in northern

Kozakcioglu, governor of eight southeastern provinces worst hit by the violence, said he anticipated fresh PKK assaults following a harsh winter, intensified security force activity and a reported split in the rebel

"They will try to say we are still alive, we are not dead. We have taken all precautions against their activities," he told Reuters at his Diyarbakir headquarters. All eight provinces are clamped

Kozakcioglu said the underground PKK sought to establish a Communist state in Turkey, a member of the NATO western alliance which borders the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Syria as well as warring Iran and Iraq. But Kozakcioglu said the

security forces have the upper hand. "The terrorists have not been

Realisation that military means

insurgency followed continued night attacks on army, para-military gendarmerie and police forces, as well as remote settlerebels were killed by security forces in Adivaman province. Troops who have fought rebels

in the field say they are well educated politically but lack some tactical abilities. Security sources said the PKK leadership had been split over its

policy of killing other Kurds, such as mformers and government paid and armed village guards. But the rebels are still receiving support from ordinary Kurds who believe they have been neglected or downtrodden by a government which does not recognise them as

a separate ethnic group and refers

to them as "mountain Turks." Nearly one in every six people in Turkey, which has a total population of 52 million, is a Kurd or a Kurdish-speaker.

Lyncapin of the hearts and minds campaign is the southeast Anatolian project (GAP), a 21dam, hydro-electric and irrigation scheme expected to provide 1.0 million jobs in a region where unemployment is above the national average of about 15 per

This project is not scheduled for completion until 1993. In the meantime, emphasis is being placed on the welfare of the region's 5,000 villages and 7,000

settlements. Kozakcioglu said all the villages would have schools, electricity and telephones by the end of this year and that efforts were being made to take telephones and electricity to the hamlets, some of them comprising only

two or three homes. Security forces say the number of hardcore militants in the PKK has been reduced in the past year to around 200 from 1,000, largely because of security force action.

and disaffections. But local sources say there are at least 400 militants ready for action already inside Turkey and that the PKK has about 8,000 firm adherents.

Those Who Pass Between Fleeting Words

The following article is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post.

O those who pass between fleeting words Carry your names, and be gone Rid our time of your hours, and be gone Steal what you will from the blueness of the sea and the sand of memory

How a stone from our land builds the ceiling of our sky. O those who pass between fleeting words From you the sword — from us the blood From you steel and fire — from us our flesh From you yet another tank — from us stones From you tear gas — from us rain Above us, as above you, are sky and air So take your share of our blood — and be gone Go to a dancing party — and be gone As for us, we have to water the martyrs' flowers

Take what pictures you will, so that you understand

O those who pass between fleeting words As bitter dust, go where you wish, but Do not pass between us like flying insects For we have work to do in our land:

And we have things to do in our land.

As for us, we have to live as we see fit.

We have wheat to grow which we water with our bodies' dew We have that which does not please you here Stones or partridges

So take the past, if you wish, to the antiquities market And return the skeleton to the hoopoe, if you wish, On a clay platter We have that which does not please you: we have the future

O those who pass between fleeting words Pile your illusions in a deserted pit, and be gone Return the hand of time to the law of the golden calf Or to the time of the revolver's music! For we have that which does not please you here, so be gone And we have what you lack: a bleeding homeland of a bleeding A homeland fit for oblivion or memory

O those who pass between fleeting words It is time for you to be gone

Live wherever you like, but do not live among us It is time for you to be gone Die wherever you like, but do not die among us For we have work to do in our land We have the past here

We have the first cry of life We have the present, the present and the future We have this world here, and the hereafter So leave our country Our land, our sea,

Our wheat, our salt, our wounds Everything, and leave The memories of memory

O those who pass between fleeting words! This poem, written by Mahmoud Darwish an Israeli Arab who lives in Paris has created a storm in literary circles in Israel since its publication in Hebrew two weeks ago. Darwish, the best-known and most respected Palestinian poet today, was regarded as the standard-bearer of PLO doves who called for co-existence between Palestinians (in an independent state in the territories) and Israelis.

Darwish is in charge of cultural affairs in the PLO's executive committee. Over the last year he has received threats from Palestinian extremists for meeting Israeli peace activists in Europe. The poem "Those who pass between fleeting words" was first published in The Seventh Day, an Arabic-language weekly pub-

lished in Paris, in which Darwish has a column. Responding to his critics in Israel who understood the poem as a call for the Israelis to leave the whole country, Darwish said that he was misunderstood and that he meant only that Israelis should

leave the occupied territories - the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli poet and writer Haim Guri, writing in Davar last-Friday said: "... I fear that this poem by Darwish is liable to give the Right the Knesset seats it needs for a possible majority in the elections ... The poem returns us to the true demons. It speaks truth, poems do not lie..."

Siham Daud, an Israeli-Arab poet who works on Al Ittihad, the Arabic-language daily of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality has told me this week: "It is not a political declaration, it is a poem."

She agrees with Darwish's own interpretation: "I think that he meant that the Israelis should leave the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, not the whole of Israel."

Samih al-Kassem, an Israeli-Arab poet who is also at Al Ittihad, told Haim Guri, "it is not fair to fail to understand the agony in view of what has been happening in the territories. One hundred people have been killed, hundreds have been wounded; thousands have been arrested. We are human beings, not angels, and any

human being at a particular moment can lose his restraint." But Haim Guri writes in his Davar article: "And this was written by an Israeli Arab, close to Hebrew literature, who understands !what this country has meant to us from the time of the covenant with Abraham... The future looks bleak and dangerous... Darwish's poem only lends substance to this. Israelis will require much understanding, strength and patience to face up to the demons chasing within themselves — and to poems as these."

This writer has read and reread this poem in Arabic and in Sihant Daud's Hebrew translation. I have attempted to read it according to Darwish's interpretation. I could not understand it so: To me, it seemed that in this poem Darwish meant the whole country and not just the territories. In another poem Darwish wrote:

"... I see whatever I want to see... And I forget everyone... I remember no one
But the victim...

It seems that in "Those Who Pass Between Fleeting Words" Darwish has not only forgotten but has ignored altogether the feelings of the other side about this land. Moderates who even momentarily become extremists tend to forget that in the continuous struggle between the two peoples neither is a victim; cars a



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Four killed, 60 wounded in occupied West Bank and Gaza

(Continued from page 1) police but dispersed quickly.

At the nearby village Kafr Kanna about 2,500 demonstrators chanted slogans and called for the creation of a Palestinian

The Arabic and English news services of the PPS were closed by an order signed by the commander of Israel's central military district, Major-General Amrain Mitzna.

The PPS will be permitted to continue publishing its weekly magazines in both languages.

The closure was the latest stage in a crackdown on the reporting of the uprising, which included barring the press from the occupied territories for three days except with military escort.

Relatives of the woman killed at the village of Deir Abu Mashal Wednesday identified her as Wajiha Yusuf Rabir. Her husband Yusuf, 85, and sons Musa, 22, and Issa, 28, were being treated at Ramallah hospital for gunshot wounds.

Doctors at Ramallah Hospital told the AP in a telephone interview that troops entered the home of Rabir while she and her family were eating breakfast and fatally shot her in the head.

The soldiers came in and asked if there were any men in the house," Rabir's 17-yearold daughter, Zeinab, said in quotes relayed by a visitor to the

She said she told the troops no men were home, but they entered anyway. A soldier shot one brother who started to run and other family members then lunged towards the troops, who opened fire, she said.

There was a complete commercial strike in Arab Jerusalem and protests in nearby suburbs, including rockthrowing in Issawiya and waving of Palestinian flags in Beit Hanina and Abu Tor.

Protesters threw stones at passenger buses on four separate occasions at the entrance to Nazereth us well as at a police jeep which arrived to disperse them. Two people were de-

Several Palestinians were arrested in the mixed Jewish-Arab town of Acre on the Mediterranean coast for raising Palestinian flags while activists vainly tried to force Arab merchants to close their shops in Jaffa, Israel

Eyewitnesses quoted by Reuter said Syrian army buses brought several hundred people to the Syrian side of the 1973 ceasefire line with Israel on the Golan Heights.

They demonstrated opposite the town of Majdal Shams, where 100 local residents shouled anti-Israeli slogans. Police did not intervene.

Al Amari refugee camp near Ramallah on the West Bank was placed under curiew after stones were thrown at troops there, sources said.

Telephone lines to the Gaza Strip remained severed and troops warned on loudspeakers that curfew violators would be shot. Both Gaza and the West Bank were closed to most outside traffic, with only the area's 65,000 Jewish settlers permitted to travel freely.

An AP reporter in Beit Sahour, where tradition says shepherds first spotted the star marking where Christ was born, saw roudblocks of boulders, rusted barrels, twisted metal and garbage blocking dozens of winding streets. Four tyres smouldered nearby. Robert Slater, head of the foreign press association, said he was pleased the court ordered the government to explain why journalists should not have free access to the

territories. "The court sent a signal to the government that it cannot close of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank entirety to the foreign press," he said. "We were fighting for the principle. We consider this a great victory.

Britain rebuked Israel Wednesday for scaling off the occupied terri-

"We understand Israeli concerns. But we believe the measures now in force in the occupied territories are disproportionate, affecting all Palestinians," said a Foreign Office spokesman, who was not identified according to British practice.

"Intensifying the military occupa-tion is not the answer. Nor will legitimate Palestinian grievances be wished away by repression. We be-lieve negotiations are the only way forward." he said.

Some 90 Arabs have been arrested in Arab Jerusalem since the unrest began Dec. 8, Israel Radio said. Israeli Desence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Tuesday night more than 4,000 Palestinians were being held in Israeli jails, including some held without trial. The figure was 25 per cent higher than the one Rabin gave last

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned that those Israeli Arabs who took part in demonstrations would be severely punished.

"Those daring to raise a hand against our people and our right to live in peace and security in our own country will pay a heavy price," he warned in a statement carried by the local Itim news agency.

In the northern town of Umm Al Fahm, Arabs demonstrated Tuesday to show solidarity with Palestinians the occupied territories.

A large police contingent was positioned at the entrance to the town and a police belicopter hovered above the

"We are demonstrating for the right of Arab Palestinian people for self-determination, for a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, Israel Radio quoted the town's Mayor Hashem Mahmid as saying.

Michel Sabbab

Sabbah: Uprising is normal reaction to

"It is normal for the people to rebel and say 'enough' after 20 years of occupation," Sabbah told the Italian newspapers La Republica and Il Mes-

"I hope all this suffering will not be in vain, that this clear expression against such long people understand it has to

Sabbah said Israel should Palestinians in the territories. asking them who they wanted to represent them and negoti-

He would not say if he would like the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to represent Palestinians. "As a Palestinian I would like to be represented by Palestinians who represent the majority of Palestinians. Ask the people, they will decide," Sabbah said.

go ahead.

"The feasts of holy week and

CAIRO (AP) — A high-ranking Libyan official paid a secret visit to Egypt recently in an apparent effort to improve strained relations between the two countries, a state-owned magazine said. political odds since 1972 and In its edition appearing Thurs-

day, the weekly Al Mussawar said the Libyan envoy, colonel Abdul Fattah Younis Farag. made the visit this month after Cairo sent back four Libyan jetfighters that were forced to land in Egypt March 1 because of bad

weather and fuel shortage.

better ties

The Associated Press obtained an advance copy of the magazine. Al Mussawar said Farag, chief of the eastern military zone on the border with Egypt, came to thank President Hospi Mubarak for allowing the return of the Soviet-built MiG-23s. The magazine did not specify whether Farag actually had met with Mubarak, but said the Libyan official was expected to return soon to "continue talks with the

Al Mussawar described Farag as close to Libyan leader Muammar Oadhafi. It said he paid numerous visits to Egypt previously, attempting to "open a dialogue," but without much suc-

Egyptian leadership."

The report of Farag's visit came amid a series of good-will gestures exchanged between the

two countries, which have been at

fought a five-day border war in 1977. They have maintained large numbers of troops astride the border since the war.

Senior Libyan official

visited Cairo seeking

In a dramatic turnabout, Qadhafi said in a speech Monday he was withdrawing his forces from the border with Egypt and was asking nothing in return. He also vowed Libya would not

use force to get Mubarak's government to renounce its 1979 treaty with Israel, a major shift from long-standing hostility to

His promises came soon after Libya freed and repatriated 36 Egyptian prisoners, among them three soldiers whose return Mubarak had publicly requested. Egypt simultaneously sent home five Libyan air force men who flew over last year in three defection cases but did not request The Libyan overtures

apparently were in response to Egypt's decision to send back the MiG-23s, which Mubarak said was partly at the urging of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd.

Egypt reacted cautiously to Qadhafi's troop withdrawal

announcement. Butros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs, said in a brief statement: "Egyptian diplomacy welcomes any step that strengthens relations between Egypt and Libya.

Expressing scepticism, Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala told Egyptian reporters covering his current visit to Washington that Qadhafi's statements were "repetitious words. with unknown aims."

Diplomatic sources in Cairo also expressed doubt about Qadhaft's move, calling it "gameplaying," and attributing it to Qadhafi's growing sense of isolation in the Arab World.

Libyan-Egyptian relations began to sour with Egypt's rejection in 1972 of a Qadhafi bid for an immediate merger. They worsened with Qadhafi bid for an immediate merger. They worsened with Qadhafi's denunciation of the 1978 Americanmediated Camp David agreements that led to the Egyptian-Israeli treaty a year later.

Reports have indicated that Sudanese head of state Ahmad Ali Mirghani plaved a key role in the apparent thaw in Egyptian-Libyan relations. Mirghani visited Libva earlier this month in what Sudanese newspapers described as a bid to bring Cairo and Tripoli closer. There were no subsequent reports on results of Mirghani's talks with Qadhafi and other Libvan leaders.

Jordan marks Land Day with rallies and pledge of support

(Continued from page 1) Palestinian and Jordanian flags and banners calling for Arab support for the uprising and denouncing the new American peace proposal presented by U.S. Secretary of State George

Around 300 students led a march around the campus, shouting slogans such as "With our souls, with our blood, we will redeem Palestine." About 800 students walked alongside the demonstration.

At the University of Science and Technology, Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saeh, Lower House of Parliament member Laith Shubeilar and Dr. Assad Abdul Rahman delivered speeches praising the

uprising and calling for full support for Palestinian steadfast-

its goals.

in Zarqa, a rally was held in which citizens of the area

PLO said to agree to Shultz meeting

(Continued from page 1) "Shultz has always viewed Palestinian participation as very important," one U.S. official said privately. "It was hoped that this move would improve chances for that involvement and thus for the success of the U.S. peace plan.

Habash calls for boycott

In Tripoli, Libya, Palestinian leader George Habash urged Palestinians. Tuesday to boycott the upcoming Middle East peace mission by Shultz. "I call upon the revolutionary leadership and PLO leadership to boycott the Shultz visit as they did the first time," said Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of.

Palestine (PFLP). "If the American administration is sincere in finding a just solution for the Middle East it must recognise the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of Palestinian people... it must recognise the legitimate rights of :Palestinian people, that is self-determination and an independent Palestinian state and reject the notion that we're a second class people," he told a news conference in Tripoli. Habash said the Palestinians don't

trust the U.S. administration "so we prefer a solution comes from the United Nations."

One of the Palestinian-Americans who met Shultz last week said he had

In Amman, a rally was held at the Professional Association Complex. Several prominent Jordanians and Palestinians delivered speeches stressing the importance of Arab unity and the need to take a united Arab stand against peace proposals which do not guarantee the Palestinian people their given

The speakers denounced the Shultz plan and called upon the Palestinian people not to budge from rejection of all attempts to abort the uprising until achieves

praised the steadfastness of the

the approval of Arafat before the "We informed Arafat about the Shultz invitation and he gave us his blessing." Abu Lughud told Al Bayar newspaper Wednesday in an inter-

view from Washington. Asked whether Arafat gave them any instructions, he said: "Of course he can give us instructions, but he did not. All that he said was I trust that you will convey the Palestinian viewpoint including the PLO's."

Abu Lughud told Al Bayan most of the talking during the hour-long meeting was done by Shultz, who said "Palestinians to peace talks should be trustworthy and really represent the Palestinian people."

"But we told him (Shultz) that there is one representative of the Palestinians, which is the PLO," Abu Lughud said.

He said Shultz did not decide whether there should be another meeting, but said that "if we have anything to say, we can call him (Shultz).

"During the meeting we made clear that Palestinian self-determination must be the basis for any peace talks, which should involve an independent Palestinian delegation on behalf of the PLO." he said.

Asked what was Shuliz's answer he said: "He told us that this matter is among other things that should be tackled.

uprising and the financial support which it is receiving from

In Karak, Governor Mohammad Hussein Al Shoubaki voiced Jordan's pride in the uprising. Other speakers at the

Karak rally praised the achievemeans of the uprising.

Demonstrations were also held in the Wihdat and Bagaa refugee camps on the outskirts of Amman.

Iranian boats attack Bubiyan

(Continued from page 1)

the speedboats sped off eastward to the Iranian side of the Gulf. The attack came only a few days after the Kuwaitis had approached Tehran, seeking to improve relations that deteriorated sharply seven months ago.

Soon after Wednesday's shooting, Kuwait's Foreign Ministry summoned Iranian Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Faroughy where he was handed a strongly worded protest.

'A ministry statement, broadcast by Kuwait Radio, said Under-secretary Sulciman Majed Al Shaheen condemned the "uncordial acts toward Kuwait, which is still doing its utmost to bring the hostilities between the two Muslim neighbours to an end."

"This violation of Kuwait's security and sovereignty will undoubtedly enhance the exacerbation of the already dangerous situation in the region and have consequences which will not serve the quest of security and stability in the region." it said.

Sheikh Sabah said last week that two Kuwaiti diplomats were ready to return to Tehran to reopen the Kuwaiti embassy there. It was closed seven months ago

after an Iranian mob attacked it in retaliation for the slaying of 275 Iranian pilgrims in riots in Mecca. Relations sank further in September after Iranian missiles hit Al

Ahmadi, used by 11 Kuwaiti tankers reflagged with the U.S. flag 10 afford them U.S. navy protection from Ira-

One of the reflagged tankers was hit by a Silkworm and Kuwait expelled five Iranian diplomats, leaving only two to run their embassy in

Kuwait. Tehran Radio quoted an Iranian spokesman as saying the Kuwaiti report was part of a "propaganda" plot to create an image of insecurity in the Gulf to justify the U.S. military pre-

The Iranian spokesman said Iranian gunboats routinely patrolled the Khawr 'Abd Allah waterway between Bubiyan Island and Fao and nothing

unusual had happened Wednesday. The spokesman said that Tuesday three Kuwaiti boats which were spying for Iraq were arrested and taken to an Iranian port for inves-

In Amman, a senior cabinet minister reaffirmed Jordan's solidarity with Kuwait. "We condemn the Iranian aggres-

sion against Kuwait," Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh told "It reveals the intransigent nature the present Iranian government and we consider it a provocation

against Kuwait. There is no reason

for it except a desire for aggression."

"We always support and stand beside Kuwait," Khasawneh said. Iran's delegation walked out of a meeting of Organisation of Islami Conference (OIC) foreign ministers in Amman last week in protest at OIC resolutions, including one which urged Tehran to obey a U.N. cease-

fire call in the Gulf war. Khasawneh said the attack on Kuwait was "an insult to the work of the Islamic conference." Egypt also condemned the Iranian attack on Bubiyan and said it would lead to further deterioration in the

Gull situation, "We vehemently denounce Iran's aggression on Kuwait which is not a party in the (Iran-Iraq) conflict.' Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid told reporters.

"The aggression will only lead to a further deterioration of the situation and undermine peace and stability in the Gulf region. "It also constitutes a challenge to world efforts aimed at seeking a

peaceful sertlement of this conflict," President Hosni Mubarak last October pledged Egypt's full support for Kuwait and vowed to help defend it after the Iranian missile attacks

against oil targets.

occupation

ROME (R) — The Latin (Roman Catholic) patriarch of Jerusalem was quoted Wednesday as saying the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories was a normai reaction to Israeli occupation and called for direct Palestinian involvement in talks on a peace settlement.

The comments by Patriarch Michel Sabbah, a Palestinian and the first Arab to hold the post, were his most forthright on the situation since his appointment in December shortly after the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza began.

military occupation will make hold a referendum among

ate a settlement based on equal

Sabbah last week cancelled a traditional Palm Sunday procession in Jerusalem because of fears of violence stemming from the uprising, but he said other ceremonies during holy week, marking Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, would

the commemoration of the suffering of Christ are perfectly suited to these days. We shall pray for peace and justice," Sabbah said. "Every Palestinian has a cross to bear."

Qatar said to have Stinger missiles

NICOSIA (AP) — Qatar recently displayed an assortment of newly acquired weapons, including an unspecified number of U.S.-built anti-aircraft Stinger missiles, according to reports from the

The reports, citing highly placed Gulf officials, said the weapons were featured recently during an inspection tour of military installations in the Qatari capital of Doha by a number of members of

the royal family and armed forces commanders. The same unnamed officials claimed that U.S. navy sources in the Gulf region know that the Qataris have acquired the sophisticated missiles but disclaim any knowledge as to how they got them, according to the reports.

The reports, citing officials that have been reliable in the past, could not be further identified without giving away and possibly compromising their source. The reports said U.S. navy officers have com-

municated to Bahrain all information they knew about the Stingers, claiming that Bahraini officials were deeply upset. The reports drew a "no comment" response

from government officials in Bahrain

Lieutenant-Commander Mark van Dyke, spokesman for the U.S. navy based in the Gulf. also gave a "no comment." The sources said there was an attempt by Gulf officials to check whether the Stingers reached

Qatar directly through a secret deal from the

United States, or alternatively from Iran, said the

April 1986, the two countries stood on the brink of conflict when Qatari helicopter gunships opened fire on Dutch and British technicians at the Fash; Al Dibal and seized the small reef. Saudi Arabia has since been mediating for a settlement and in recent months expressed satisfaction over the two sides' willingness to resort to the

Bahrain's concern was explained in light of its

dispute with Qatar over the Huwar Islands. In

international court on the water border dispute. The Stingers have also surfaced in Iranian Last October, when U.S. helicopter gunships sank an Iranian speedboat and disabled two others after a U.S. helicopter was fired on, butteries and associated packing equipment for the Stinger

and indicated a Stinger missile might have been fired at the helicopter. The Stinger is a potent shoulder-fired anti-

weapon were discovered aboard one of the boats

aircraft missile. Afghan rebel leaders said the Iranians seized a quantity of the Stingers that were destined for their ranks when the guerrillas strayed into Iranian

territory with the arms. Washington has consistently turned down Kuwaiti bids to acquire Stingers. President Ronald Reagan used his special rights to dispatch a number of the Stingers to Saudi Arabia in wake of its aerial dogfight with intruding Iranian jets, in which its jet fighters shot down at least one Iranian warplane on June 5, 1985.

Greece, Turkey discuss Aegean exercises

ATHENS (R) — Greece and Turkey began talks in Athens Wednesday on military exercises in the Aegean Sea, officials said. They will also discuss disputed boundaries of international airspace over the Aegean and a committee of Turkish and Greek diplomats and military experts

will report on their findings in

The three-day talks are the first

Vassiliou's visit to London will

May, the officials said.

In Ankara. Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Tues-

since the Greek and Turkish prime ministers agreed in January to try to ease tensions between the two NATO countries which last year nearly went to war over disputed oil drilling rights in the

each other in their schoolbooks.

"Mistakes in schoolbooks are one of the causes of the difficulties between Turkey and Greece," Ozul told a delegation from the Turkish-Greek Friendship Association headed by Greek composer and singer

Mikis Theodorakis. Theodorakis arrived in Turkey day Turkey and Greece should Monday with a message of correct misconceptions about friendship from Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

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Vassiliou flies to London

LARNACA (AP) — President George Vassiliou flew to London Wednesday for talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on efforts to reunite war-divided Cyprus by reopening stalled negotiations under United Nations auspices.

Vassiliou, 56, is accompanied by Foreign Minister George Iacovou and senior aides. He made no statement before he left. But he declared Tuesday that he expected a "very productive and useful meeting" with

Thatcher Thursday.

be his second foreign trip since he was elected in February. He flew to Athens earlier this month for a summit meeting with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou on the future of Cyprus. His talks with Thatcher will be important because the British leader is sche and to meet Turkish Prime N ter Turgut Ozai

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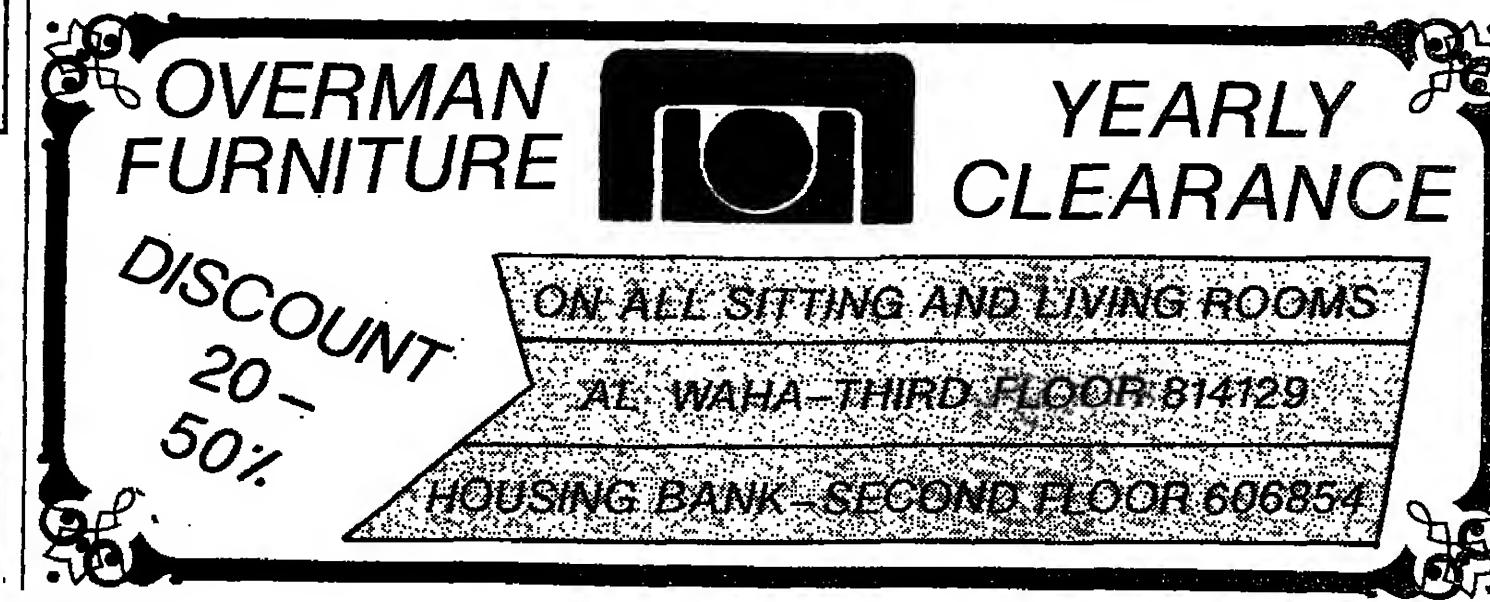
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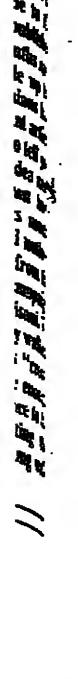
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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Wednesday March

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

1.8625/35

1.2360/70

1.6660/70

1.8705/15

1.3767/77

5.6480/6510

124.90/125.00

1233/1234

5.8940/90

6.2750/2800

6.3865/3915

454.70/455.20

34.87/92

379072 JD 424,293

42600 JD 59,408

41925 JD 50,452

23800 JD 39,704

19150 JD 11.585

U.S. dollar

Canadian dollar

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Swiss francs

Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

Dutch guilders -

Contracts

502

59

UAE sees scheme a must

Saudi Arabia shelves plans to issue government bonds

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia has postponed indefinitely plans to issue government bonds to cover its expected 1988 budget deficit of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion), bankers in the kingdom said Tuesday.

bia's first major borrowing for 25 years, but bankers said opposition from the kingdom's religious hierarchy and indecision on how to issue the bonds led to the scheme being shelved.

Bankers said they had been told by senior government officials last week that Riyadh planned instead to tap funds with selected government agencies to cover the shortfall.

"Bonds will only be issued as a last resort." said one senior banker.

Tapping social funds

The bankers said the kingdom's planners had opted to draw down reserves with government agencies such as the Public Investment Fund (PIF) and the General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI).

Such reserves are estimated at more than 75 billion rivals, the fund would probably be delayed equivalent of \$20 billion.

King Fahd announced in his 1988 budget address at the end of December that the kingdom would issue bonds of up to 30 billion rivals (\$8 billion) rather than bridge the deficit through a drawdown of the country's foreign reserves.

A series of budget deficits since 1983 have eaten away Saudi Arabia's reserves and bankers had welcomed the government's plans to issue bonds as a major step towards developing capital markets within the kingdom.

But bankers said the plan was plagued by opposition from the conservative religious hierarchy which has often been at odds with the country's Western-style banking system.

Bankers said there was also indecision on the proposed yield for government bonds and how they would be placed. It was widely assumed they would be issued at a deep discount or in

It would have been Saudi Ara- zero coupon form to avoid offending Islamic objections to the Western concept of interest payments.

Bankers said uncertainty over

the bond issue — there had been

hardly a word said officially since

late December — had under-

mined local investment confi-

dence, especially as several large

share flotations are being offered

times paralysed the rival inter-

bank market, with bank treasur-

ers in Saudi Arabia finding it

difficult to manage liquidity with-

out knowing how or when a first

offering of government bonds

decision to tap GOSI reserves

means a proposed refund of

workers' contributions to the

Until last year, every worker

employed in the kingdom paid

five per cent of salary to GOSI

for social insurance, with this

being matched by an eight per

cent contribution from em-

last year amid government prom-

would be refunded.

country's finances.

expatriate workers.

ises that paid-in contributions

Strain on budget may stay

postpone the bonds scheme mar-

ker another setback for govern-

ment plans to bridge the budget

deficit and take the strain off the

government climbed down over

controversial plans to tax fore-

igners after protests from the

kingdom's estimated four million

The drive for new sources of

In early January, the Saudi

Bankers said the decision to

But payments were stopped

Bankers said the government's

might be launched.

as well.

plovers.

In addition, uncertainty had at

The level of Saudi Arabia's foreign reserves remains a closely guarded secret, but bankers say liquid assets are still around \$30 investment confidence weakens

of deficits.

However, Saudi Arabia is now earning just one fifth of the \$100 billion a year it took in from oil exports in 1981.

funds - and bonds would have.

kingdom banks — has been step-

ped up as oil revenues decline

and foreign reserves show signs of

dwindling after the constant drain

The 1988 budget forecasts oil revenue of 68.935 billion riyals, the equivalent of \$18.4 billion.

UAE stresses need to issue bonds

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Central Bank Governor Abdul Malek Al Hammar said in Abu Dhabi that the UAE must issue bonds to finance the nation's persistent budget deficit and tackle the problem caused by falling oil

He warned that the recent decline on the world oil market would raise the deficit on this year's combined federal and local budget for the confederation of seven emirates.

Al Hamar told Reuters in an interview: "Bonds have become indispensable to tackle the (budget) problem."

The UAE said early this month it would issue bonds worth between two billion and three billion dirhams (\$540 to \$800 million), but was not said when they will be floated.

Attracting overseas fund

Sharp spending cuts and the introduction of import taxes and services fees have failed to eliminate UAE budget deficits in the face of declining oil prices.

Al Hamar said: "Issuing of medium and long-term bonds would not only radically cut the deficit but also would attract part of our overseas investment and help remove constraints on government plans due to unstable oil prices."



Prices of fruits, vegetables rise AMMAN (J.T.) - Prices of

vegetables and fruits in Jordanian markets are relatively high compared with prices two weeks ago. largely due to a short supply of these commodities, according to Al Dustour newspaper, quoting tapped high levels of liquidity at

Ministry of Supply sources. The report said that due to the fact that some products were nearing the end of a season while others are just beginning, coupled with a prolonged rainy season have all helped to raise

General Mining to distribute 8% in dividends

AMMAN (J.T.) — The General Mining Company announced that it realised JD 100,830 in profits from 1987 operations, against JD, 126,579 in the previous year.

The company board of directors has decided to distribute dividends to shareholders at the rate of eight per cent.

Course on bank guarantees ends

AMMAN (Petra) - A weeklong training course on banking guarantees organised by the Industrial Development Bank ended in Amman Wednesday.

A total of 17 participants, representing banks and financial institutions in the Kingdom, took part in the course which aimed at raising the skill and efficiency of bankers regarding the subject of guarantees.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Swedish eco-

nomist Hans Soederstroem Tues-

day delivered a lecture at the

Association of Banks in Jordan

(ABJ) on rate exchange

strategies and the corrections tak-

ments by small European coun-

tries, and especially Sweden, in

He stressed that the economies

of these countries were faced with

three intertwining problems in

the 1970s, namely: An increase in

the relative cost of labour, the

reorganisation of industry, and

the need for new trends in ex-

change rates, especially following

NEW DELHI (R) - India un-

veiled Wednesday wide-ranging

measures to raise exports and

liberalise controls on imports of

high technology and capital goods

to boost the drought-hit eco-

Tiwari told reporters India's

second three-year import-export

policy starting in April 1 "had

been framed in the backdrop of

our ultimate objective to wipe out

the trade deficit in the foresee-

10 months of fiscal 1987/88 nar-

rowed seven per cent to 54.25

billion rupees (\$4.1 billion) from

last year, due largely to lower

costs of oil imports, Tiwari said.

"Although this is welcome, the

India's trade deficit in the first

able future."

Finance Minister Narain Dutt

Soederstroem dwelt on experi-

ing place since 1970.

this respect.

Swedish economist lectures on

exchange rates strategy

Jordan French, Universal Insurance to merge soon

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan French Insurance Company is to merge with Universal Insurance Company in accordance with a decision by the general assemblies of the two companies.

A report in Al Dustour newspaper said that Jordan French Insurance Company's board of directors has been entrusted with making arrangements for the merger in a manner that can safe-

guard the interests of the sharebolders.

30, 1988.

Regular market:

Top three companies

Universal Insurance

Development bonds:

Parallel market:

One Sterling

One U.S. dollar

One ounce of gold

Intermediate Petrochemicals

Jordan Chemical Industries

Treasury bills & bonds:

The Universal Insurance Company's general assembly met in December and decided on the merger which according to the report, will take place soon.

The Jordan French Insurance Company this year distributed dividends to its shareholders at the rate of 52 per cent.

Board of Saudi-Jordanian company hold first meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of directors of the joint Jordanian-Saudi Arabian Industrial Agricultural Investment Company held its first meeting here Wednesday under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia's undersecretary of the ministry of fi-

nance and economy. The Saudi undersecretary said that the setting up of the joint company was a new step towards creating channels for further cohesion and bondage between

Saudi Arabia and Jordan. This new company, he said.

plans to execute industrial and agricultural projects in the twocountries, serving their respective national economies.

The board members discussed the company's plans, potential projects, bylaws and administra-

The company, set up upon a decision from the Joint Jordanian-Saudi Arabian Higher Committee, has a \$50 million capital, shared equally by the two sides.

At the end of the meeting it was decided that the board will reconvene meetings in June.

Indonesia begins reforms by annulling contract body

JAKARTA (R) — The Indonesian government announced Wednesday it was scrapping a a news conference the move was controversial team empowered to in line with planued economic award all government purchase reforms. contracts over \$300.000.

Newly appointed coordinating

the collapse of the "Brighton

relationship between an exchange

rate strategy and the real ex-

change rate as a relative rate for

dealing with goods whether they

are subject for trading or not in

He stressed the importance of

exchange rates as beloing to de-

fine the allocations of revenues

Financial changes which occur-

within the economy in general.

red in 1973 led Sweden to intro-

duce successive major reduc-

tions in its own currency's ex-

change rate which proved a most

persistent trade deficits continue

to be a cause for concern." he

ficit hit 75.17 billion rupees (\$5.8

billion), down from a high of

87.63 billion (\$6.7 billion) in

began reforms to modernise the

country's agriculture-based eco-

nomy when he took office in

said the pace of liberalisation

pace has slowed as Gandhi sought

to counter criticism his policies

primarily benefitted the affluent.

endeavour that the exporter

should be enabled to devote his

undivided attention to export

promotion instead of spending his

time and energy in obtaining con-

cessions and facilities from the

Tiwari added 745 more items.

including capital goods and raw

materials, to the open general

licence scheme, under which ex-

government."

Tiwari said "it is our earnest

Businessmen and economists

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

India's total 1986/87 trade de-

beneficial policy for Sweden.

India announces landmark trade policy

an open economy.

The economist underlined the

Woods" agreement in 1973.

He said government departments and agencies would be entrusted to make their own purchases in the future

"The president's decree will simplify the process of procuring goods for government projects. But supervision will still be carried out by the state auditing body." he said.

minister for economy, finance

and industry Radius Prawiro told

The government is pledged to maintain the pace of economic reform begun after the oil price crash in 1986, designed to make Indonesia's protected economy more competitive and less reliant on oil exports.

The new decree takes effect on April 1. It allows managers and project chiefs to make purchases of up to \$300,000, department directors from \$300,000 to \$600,000 and cabinet ministers from \$600,000 to \$1.8 million.

Purchases above that must be approved by the coordinating minister.

ported-oriented manufacturers

can import without applying for

licences. There are now about

He said exporters badly needed

2.500 items under the scheme.

to import capital goods, even if

these were available in the

domestic market, because lower

international prices would help

world market.

competitive.

Indian firms remain viable in the

Under the plan, Indian firms

Tiwari said 26 bulk purchase

items currently imported by the

firms, saying there would be great

foreign exchange savings if these

firms become internationally

Economists forecast India's

economic growth slowing to ab-

out 1.5 per cent in 1987/88 from

4.1 per cent last year due to last

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least 1,000 megabytes.

SYDNEY --- Shares closed sharply higher as confidence returned

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

after strong performances on international markets overnight. The All Ordinaries index gained 20.4 to 1,416.4-

TOKYO — Prices rose for the third consecutive day on enthusiasm stemming from the start of a new fiscal year and gains by Wall Street and the dollar. The Nikkei index surged up 366.98 to 26,320.07, its second biggest rise this year.

HONG KONG — Prices closed steady but profit-taking eroded most of their early gains. The Hang Seng index was up 7.31 at 2,528.92.

SINGAPORE — Shares rose across the board on speculative buying and bargain-hunting after four days of declines. The Straits Times industrial index gained 10.72 to 930.07.

BOMBAY - Prices fell on renewed speculative selling ahead of a long weekend holiday. Dealers reported heavy profit-taking. The market will be closed until Monday. FRANKFURT — Prices fell back from a higher opening to close

mixed as operators squared positions ahead of the Easter-break. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, was up 5.7 at 1,379.7. ZURICH - Prices were steady, underpinned by Wall Street's

overnight gain and the slightly firmer dollar. The All Share Swiss index rose 1.2 to 817.1. PARIS — Prices were lower in thin trade with most investors unwilling to commit themselves in a sluggish market ahead of

France's presidential election next month. The 50-share bourse indicator declined by 0.41 per cent. LONDON - Prices drifted down on lack of buying interest ahead

of the Easter weekend holiday break. At 1445 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 6.9 at 1,758.2. NEW YORK — Stocks showed moderate gains in early trading,

helped by a slight rise in the dollar against the yen. The Dow. gained six to 2,004.

Reserves for debtor loans put British bank in red

LONDON (R) — Standard Chartered Plc, Britain's fifth biggest bank, said Wednesday that it lost money in 1987 because of the cost of setting up reserves to cover possible losses on loans to debtor countries.

public sector would be de-canal-Midland Bank and Lloyds Bank, Britain's third and fourth He also relaxed controls to biggest banks, last month said increase incentives to local indussimilar provisions put them in the tries which sell most of their products to export-oriented

red for 1987. Analysts say those were the first losses made by major British banks in this century.

Besides the provisions, Standard Chartered said that bad and doubtful leans in Canada and Malaysia as well as by its Califor-

nia and Arizona units - which it is selling off — hit its results. The bank, which also sold off its remaining interests in South Africa last year, said it lost £274 million (\$510 million) before

taxes in 1987. Its 1986 pre-tax profit was £254 million (\$472 mil-"1987 has turned out to be a

year in which the group was beset said chairman Sir Peter Graham. Standard Chartered made charge of £234 million (\$435 million) for bad and doubtful debts in 1987, up 27 per cent from 1986. "While a large part of this

heavy charge was undoubtedly

due to economic reasons, management failure was also a significant factor," Graham said. "Remedial action has been taken."

About 90 per cent of the total involved loans made in Malaysia and Canada and loans made by Union Bank of California and United Bank of Arizona.

Standard Chartered is selling Union Bank, California's fifth biggest, to a Bank of Tokyo affiliate for \$750 million, while the Arizona Bank is going to Citicorp for \$210 million.

It also sold its remaining 39 per cent interest in a South African bank last year.

Standard Chartered said that, as of the end of 1987, it had lent a total of £2.47 billion (\$4.59 billion) to 32 countries designated has having problems paying off their debt

But it set aside £519 million (\$965 million) last year in a reserve to cover possible losses on these loans.

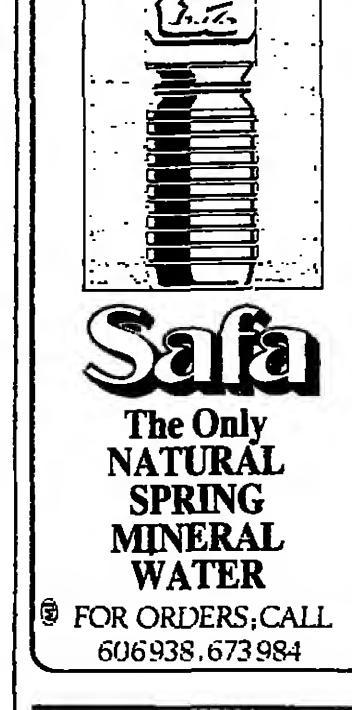
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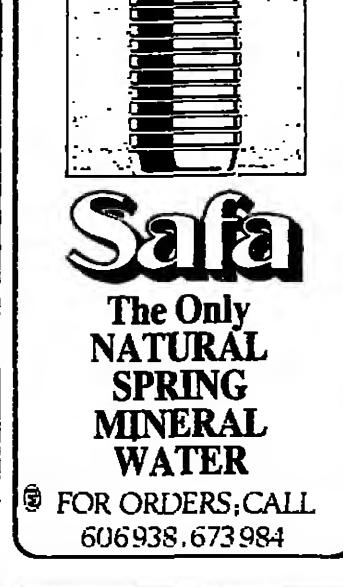
cent of these loans. The loans include £634 million

(\$1.18 billion) in South Africa, £390 million (\$725 million) in Nigeria, £325 million (\$604 million) in Mexico and £311 million

(\$578 million) in Brazil.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Greece welcomes England's return to Europe

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ATHENS (R)—Greek sports authorities said Tuesday they would not oppose the re-admission of English clubs into European soccer. The Greek General Secretariat of Athletics said it had not objections to Greek sides playing English teams in the European Cup. It said in a statement it was replying to a question from the European Football Union (UEFA) sent to member countries asking whether they wanted to resume playing against English teams. English clubs have been banned from European completitions since 1985 when Liverpool fans were largely blamed for the deaths of 39 people in a riot at the European Cup final in

Cash and Noah join fight against AIDS

GENEVA (R) - Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia and former French Open title-holder Yannick Noah of France will play in an exhibition tennis event here in May to help the campaign against AIDS. Sweden's Peter Lundgren and Frenchman Henri Lecome had also agreed to take part, organisers said.

Maguregui quits Celta, may join Atletico

MADRID (R) — Jose Maria Maguregui has resigned as coach of Spanish soccer club Celta, a club spokesman said Wednesday. He

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

die a personal matter, but if you are

practical and honest, it will work

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If

you work out a schedule and stick

to it in an orderly manner, your

work will seem much easier. Be

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Your friends can be very helpful to

you in gaining your personal goals

today, but don't be airaid to rely on

your own fine abilities. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) If a superior makes some sug-

gestions to you, give them

thorough consideration. Go out on

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

A new acquaintance can show you

how to proceed in seeking your

goals. That short trip you have in

mind can increase your prosperity.

Show a bit more enthusiesm than

usual at work, and you will reap

some fine benefits. Come to an

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)

Have a long talk with an associate

and reach a decision regarding a

troubling project. Go out and get

base today, so consider this per-

aon's suggestions carefully. Try to

rely more on your own judgment.

may feel somewhat restless today,

tense situation, so try to calm down

and avoid a costly error.

and you could easily overreact to a

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Face your problems bead-on, and

stop trying to sidestep them. Be

alert for a greedy person who could

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Be cantious in the handling of

financial affairs today, but don't rely on others to spot errors for you.

Live up to your potential. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

If you go out socially tonight, don't try to force your opinions on

snyone, instead, listen considerate-ly and offer polite comments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Before you try to get others in-

velved, check out a new financial venture carefully and avoid trouble.

Be wary of a new acquaintance.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have many responsibilities which are worrying you, but handle them conscientiously. Be sure to think

before you speak.

cause you enormous trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You

some healthful exercise today.

understanding with your mate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

the town with friends tonight.

more thoughtful of your mate.

out nicely for all involved.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: If your intuition tells you to make a est-minute change in your plane, don't besitate to do so, as your insight is unusually keen right now. This evening should be given over to rementic or social matters. ARIES Mer. 21 to Apr. 19) You will have an opportunity to increase both your financial and employment status, so keep your eyes open. Be sure to drive carefully.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 26) Your recreational plans may be suddealy altered, but the change is for the best, so go along with it. Main-tain peace and harmony at home. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study the situation at home, and find the right way to improve con-ditions there. This evening is a good time to entertain some friends. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) You can communicate well with others today, so let your friends know what you want. Remain optimistic about the fiture. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) An important matter will come up today which requires careful study on your part. Be careful in motion of any kind, especially driving. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may be confused about how to han-

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be prepared for some changes in long-standing relationships, but don't worry, as these changes will be for the better. If you are a bit confused about the state of a relationship, don't hesitate to ask questions. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Everything will be just the opposite of your expectations this morning, so quickly rearrange your plans. Lend a hand to your co-workers. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have made a plan which you

closely, you will find an error which could prove to be quite costly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you attend a business meeting to-day, be sure to maintain your self control Avoid an irste superior who is looking for a scapegost.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

feel is perfect, but if you look more

Jul. 21) Be very affectionate at home, and avoid arguments of any kind. Be wary of a usually-reliable partner who could mislead you.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) It is very important that you use great care in motion of any kind, especially on the highways. Be sure you don't make any surcestic remarks today. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A. trusted adviser may be a bit off-

is expected to join Atletico Madrid next season. Maguregui took over at Celta last summer after the dismissal of English coach Colin Addison who had just led them into the First Division. They are currently seventh in the league. Maguregui resigned Tuesday night after differences with the management over the running of the club, the spokesman said. Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil expressed an interest in Maguregui last week after sacking former Argentine coach Luis Menotti after a run of six matches without a win. An Atletico spokesman said it was possible a decision on Maguregui would be taken next week.

FIFA group to inspect U.S. soccer sites

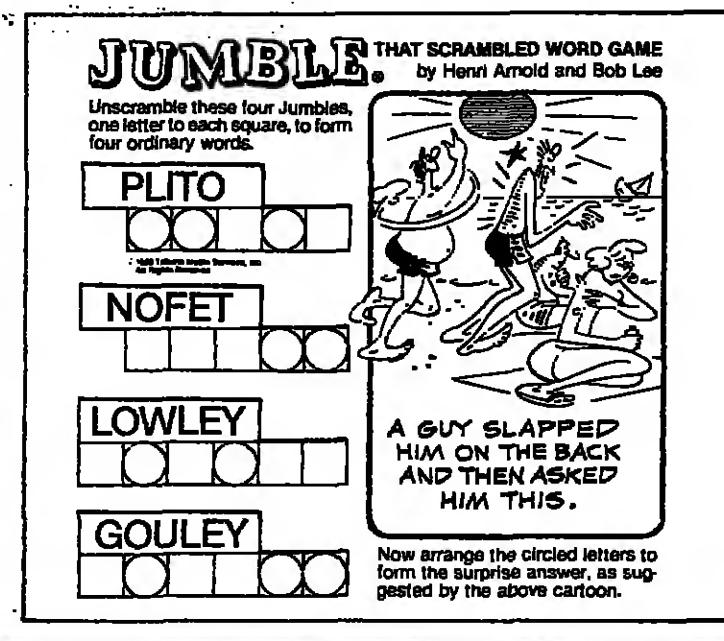
WASHINGTON (R) — FIFA, international soccer's governing body, next month will send a five-member commission to tour facilities proposed in the U.S. bid to host the 1994 World Cup, a U.S. soccer official said Tuesday. Paul Stiehl, director of World Cup USA 1994, said the technical inspection group was scheduled to arrive in Washington for its week-long inspection tour April 10. The group, headed by West German Horst Schmidt, will visit 16 stadiums in 13 cities that the U.S. Soccer Federation has proposed as sites for the 1994 Championships. The special task force, named by FIFA president Joao Havelange, has already inspected stadiums in Brazil and Morocco, the two other countries in contention. FIFA's 21-member executive committee will announce its decision in Zurich July 4.

United manager gives high marks for Whiteside

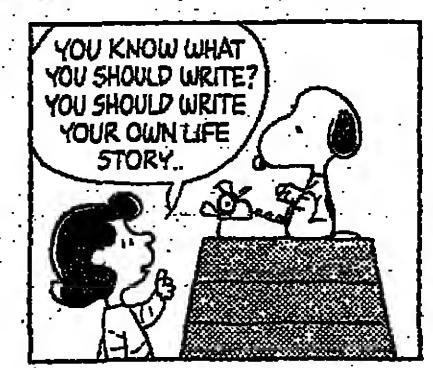
MANCHESTER, England (R) - Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson warned Tuesday that his unsettled striker Norman Whiteside will cost a lot more than a million pounds sterling (\$1.87 million). "I have heard that figure mentioned and it's ridiculous," said Ferguson. "He is worth a lot more than that." United could ask something in the region of the £1.8 million (\$3.4 million) they received from Barcelona for Mark Hughes. And with the wealthy Italian clubs monitoring the situation Whiteside could achieve his dream of playing on the continent. "He has said he does not want to play for any other English club. It's unusual for a United player to want away, but I don't regret my decision to refuse him a five years extension to his contract. I did it in the interests of the club," Ferguson said.

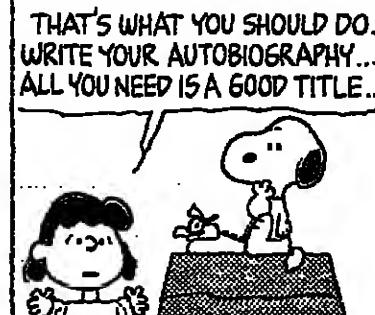


"Stanley's not Mr. Romantic, but he's improving. For Valentine's Day he gave me an I.O.U. for a kiss.



Peanuts







Mutt'n' Jeff









Andy Capp







Becker overcomes Gomez in WCT quarterfinals

DALLAS (AP) — Second-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany used his booming but erratic serve to overcome baseliner Andres Gomez of Ecuador, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 Tuesday night in the quarterfinals of the Buick World Championship Tennis finals. Becker will meet Brad Gilbert in Thursday's semifinal. Gilbert upset Australia's Pat Cash, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4 in Tuesday's

other quarterfinal. Wednesday night's quarterfinal matches pit Tim Mayotte again. France's Yannick Noah and top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden

against Argentina's Martin Jaite. Becker, ranked fourth in the world, used pinpoint serving to take control of the match in the third set. He broke Gomez's serve in the

second and eighth games. But in the fourth set Becker's serve deserted him briefly. The players traded service breaks from the sixth through the 10th games. Becker, serving for the match, double-faulted at 30-40 to narrow his lead to 5-4 and give Gomez hope.

But Becker broke back, cracking a cross-court winner at 15-40 to close out the match.

Gilbert, ranked 10th worldwide according to the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) computer and seeded sixth in the eight-man tournament, was making his 1988 debut after suffering the injury to his left ankle in December.

Gilbert took control of the match in the third-set tiebreaker, then got a break in the first game of the fourth set. Cash, seeded third, evened the final set by breaking back in the

sixth game with a forehand winner down the line. But Gilbert broke back again in the ninth game with a forehand passing shot, then closed out the match in a deuce game. Gilbert pounded an ace at deuce, then wrapped up only his second victory over Cash in six career meetings when Cash's forehand went wide at match point.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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Wanted to Know About Trump

Leads and Were Not Afraid to Ask." Devyn Press, 158 pp. paperback, \$795). George Rosenkranz devotes more than half the space to non-trump leads. But then, in the words of the lyricist, you can't have one without the other. As the book points out sagely about trump leads: "When in doubt, don't!"

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE A classic case of a crucial trump lead occurred in an early round of the Vanderbilt Team Championship at the recent Spring North American Championships, held in St. Louis. When North insisted on a heart contract even though his partner showed a balanced hand, it was obvious he had a shortage somewhere. Sitting East-West for the eventual winners of the event were Peter Pender and Hugh Ross. Ross decided it was a good idea to limit dummy's ruffing power, so he led a trump. Declarer won on the table and led a diamond. Pender flew up with the ace and shifted to a spade, covered with the queen and taken by the ace. West persevered with

> East discarded a club. Declarer cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a spade on the board and then tried three rounds of clubs. West ruffed and shot back a third trump, and declarer was stranded with two more losers. At the other table, four hearts was made, gaining 13 International Match Points for the Pender team.

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If you didn't realize the auction above called for a trump lead, or if you are not sure when to lead trumps and when not to, this book is a cheap way to help resolve your doubts.



Lloyd Honeyghan

Honeyghan fells Vaca, regains WBC welterweight crown

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Lloyd Honeyghan had promised for weeks that his welterweight boxing title was only on loan to Jorge Vaca.

He didn't need long to prove too low." Vaca said through an his point.

place," the 27-year-old Briton said after demolishing Vaca in three rounds Tuesday night to who had pledged he would be going to keep the title for a long in the first two rounds.

Honeyghan, dethroned by Vaca five months ago in the only blemish of his 32-fight career, became only the second Briton to regain a world title at any weight when he knocked out the Mexican at the Wembley arena.

Pinning Vaca to the ropes in the middle of the third round, Honeyghan unleashed a torrent of blows, finally putting his man down with a crunching right to the body after more than a minute of constant punishment.

"I was switching to the head and body. He didn't know where I was going to hit him," Honeyghan said.

Vaca, who won the title last October on points when Honeyghan was blamed for an eighthround clash of heads that left the Mexican covered in blood and unable to continue, was outraged

interpreter. "It had a piercing "I'm back in my rightful effect and took the wind out of The craggy-faced Mexican,

win back the World Boxing braver and stronger than Hon-Council (WBC) crown. "I'm eyghan, threw plenty of punches But he lacked the challenger's

power and penetration and also had the worst possible start when a first-round cut opened up above the bridge of his nose. For a time, history looked like

it might repeat itself as Vaca glanced at referee. Joe Cortez, pointing to the cut and then to his head, indicating he had been butted. But this time, there was no

stoppage, and no action against Honeyghan. Vaca lasted less than two more rounds, being counted out at 2:58 of the third.

He gave Honeyghan no credit for winning back the title, saying the Briton fought dirty. "From the start of the fight, I

was complaining about the head butts," Vaca said after his record slipped to 43-5-1. "One definitely opened the cut. Another got my after his brief reign as champion. cheekbone. But the referee did "The last blow was definitely nothing."

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Last Week's Cryptograms

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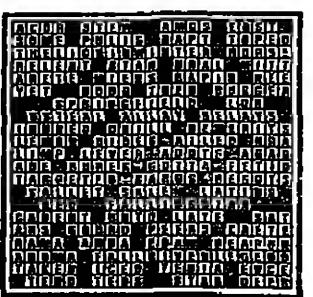
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OVERHILL VIBRA. -By Norton Rhondes





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Blast, protests follow Paris ANC killing

PARIS (Agencies) — A bomb exploded close to South Africa's embassy in Paris early Wednesday, less than 24 hours after the French representative of the African National Congress (ANC) was shot dead here.

The powerful device, concealed in a plastic bag, exploded outside the offices of France's national tobacco company Seita about 100 metres from the

embassy, witnesses said. No one was injured in the blast, although there was major property damage, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Earlier in the evening dozens of Communist protesters were arrested after they occupied the white-ruled republic's tourist office in Paris and buckshot was fired at the South African consulate in the southern city of Marseille.

Dulcie September. the ANC's representative for France, was shot dead by an unidentified killer as she opened her office Tuesday morning.

Police said they had no clues about the identity of the killer of September, aged in her 40s, but police sources said it appeared to be the work of professional assas-

Anti-apartheid campaigners and Communist Party chief Georges Marchais blamed South Africa for the killing, and President Francois Mitterrand said the assassination was among "violent crimes that are caused by apartheid."

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha, in a statement in Pretoria, said his government was not responsible and suggested internal divisions within the ANC could be behind the killing.

ANC officials in Paris said September was shot several times at point blank range as she unlocked the anti-apartheid organisation's fourth-floor offices Tuesday morning. Her body was found later and her killer disappeared without trace.

Reaction in Marseille...

In the Mediterranean port city of Marseille, gunmen in two cars

patience with General Manuel

Antonio Noriega was running out

and Panama's embattled ruler

charged that the U.S. campaign

to oust him was part of an Iran-

that its sharp language did not

foretell plans to remove Noriega

from power by military means,

but Panama's de facto ruler said a

President Eric Delvalle said the

And a diplomat loyal to ousted

U.S. invasion was imminent.

The White House emphasised

contra coverup.

hands."

African consulate Tuesday night. No injuries were reported. Police said slogans against South African President P.W. Botha including "Botha assassin" and "Botha SS" were daubed on the facade of the seafront building.

sprayed buckshot at the South

... in Paris

In Paris, witnesses said several dozen young Communists stormed down a mid-town boulevard after a protest rally and smashed out windows at the South African tourism office.

One demonstrator was injured and two policemen suffered bruises.

A photographer for L'humanite, the Communist Party newspaper, was admitted to hospital with head injuries after being beaten by plainclothes police, witnesses said.

At another rally outside the South African embassy, Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin called on Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's centre-right government to find the killer.

Chirac, on a visit to the French Indian Ocean island of Reunion, said he was "shocked and scandalised" by the killing.

Mitterrand said the assassination, believed to be the first of an ANC official outside Africa, was among "the violent crimes that are caused by apartheid.' He said he would ask the Pre-

toria administration about the

... in Cape Town

Pik Botha, responding in Cape Town to charges that South African agents killed September, said his government was not responsible. He suggested that a power struggle within the ANC could be behind the murder.

Marchais called for an immediate break in diplomatic, commercial, cultural and sports relations with South Africa.

dos might be the only solution for

Catholic Archbishop Marcos

McGrath, meanwhile, offered to

act as a mediator in talks to

resolve the country's nine-month

The streets of Panama City

were quiet Tuesday, a day after

riot police violently dispersed

anti-government marchers and

raided a hotel where Noriega

opponents were to hold a press

conference, beating and detain-

his country's political crisis.

He said France's continued ties with Pretoria meant that Mitterrand and Chirac, "have the blood of Dulcie September on their

The French Foreign Ministry expressed its indignation at the assassination and said the government would use all its power to arrest the criminals and bring them to justice.

There were conflicting reports on whether September had asked for police protection.

The ANC treasurer in Paris said September, who had lived in the French capital since 1984, had told the police for eight months about threats, "but nothing was done."

But the Interior Ministry denied that September had asked for police protection.

Condemnations of Botswana

In Harare, Zimbabwe, European parliamentarians meeting to discuss ways of putting more economic pressure on South Africa Tuesday condemned Pretoria for sending troops into neighbouring

Botswana and killing four people. "This armed and bloody incursion provides further evidence of Pretoria's policy of destabilisation and destruction in the territory of its neighbours," said a statement issued by the Association of West European Parliamentarians for Action against Apartheid.

The South African military said Monday it had attacked a house on the outskirts of the Botswana capital, Gaborone, and killed four occupants, whom it described as "terrorists."

And in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Tuesday deplored as "barbaric and dastardly" the South African attack in Bots-

"Once again the racist regime has let loose its murderous hirelings into Gaberone, Botswana, killing innocent people on the spurious grounds of tracking down so-called terrorists." the 50-member organisation said in a press statement from its headquarters in Addis Ababa, the Éthiopian capital.

In another development, own-

ers of Panama's three main super-

market chains said they would

re-open Wednesday, suggesting

the strike may be near an end.

ket owners said their decision was

taken in response to "pressures"

'Another Vietnam in Panama'

ence of regional leftist parties he

would not succumb to pressure,

which he said had cost the United

"They are trying to sell a ficti-

tious situation in order to justify

another Vietnam in Panama,

Noriega told a crowd of about 500

Telephone Network in Jordan.

tions contained in the Bidding Documents.

hundred Jordanian Dinars (J.D. 500).

Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail

Director General

States \$70 million.

cheering sympathisers.

Noriega Tuesday told a confer-

which they did not specify.

Sources close to the supermar-

ninth day.

U.S., Noriega trade charges ing activists and journalists. ers and enlisted men. The government apologised for its treatment of the press, all of

we have turned the tide and are whom were released. National Civic Crusade organisers said winning the war against the Commany of their sympathisers were munist insurgency," she said in a statement read by Press Secretary still under arrest as a country-Teodoro Benigno. wide general strike entered its

Montano announced the capture of Kintanar when he presented the guerrilla leader and other captives to journalists at a suburban military camp where they were being held under heavy guard. The only captive not present was Baylosis, who Montano said refused to be photographed

ters ask the captives any ques-Military officials did not men-

tion the name of Kintanar when they announced the arrests Tuesday, identifying one of those arrested as Mario Asuncion, apparently the Alias Kintanar

Montano told reporters that Kintanar admitted his real identity when the officer confronted the rebel later.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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TENDER NO. TCC 2/88

SUPPLY OF LOCAL LINE PLANT

SERVICES AND ACCESSORIES

SECOND NOTICE

The Telecommunications Corporation of the Hashemite King-

dom of Jordan (TCC), Pursuant to Notice of Feb. 11, 1988 for

postponement of the tender invitation, now hereby announces

Tender No. TCC 2/88 for the Supply of Local Line Plant Services

and Accessories as part of the Implementation Programme of

the "Five Year Development Plan" for the expansion of the

Specialised companies are hereby invited to submit their bids in

accordance with the terms, stipulations and technical specifica-

Bidders are requested to submit in addition to bid price a

financing proposal to finance the foreign exchange component

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the

Secretary of the Tender Committee, Telecommunications Cor-

poration, P.O. Box 1689, Amman - Jordan, as of Saturday, April

2, 1988, against a payment of a non-refundable fee of five

Bids, accompanied by a Bid Security, are to be submitted in

English to the office of the Secretary of the Tender Committee not

later than 12:00 noon local time on Monday, July 11, 1988.

of the cost of the subsequent contract to be awarded.

raids. He said authorities did not the Wisconsin primary. All the immediately realise who Kinta-Democrats were converging on nar was because he initially gave | Wisconsin Wednesday. The government-run Philip-Dukakis in two states in the last

pine News Agency quoted two weeks, congratulated the another military official as saying the chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines, Benito Tiamzon, had escaped by the time raiders arrived at his hideout in suburban Quezon City. The agency said Tiamzon must have been tipped off by radio broadcasts on the arrest of his comrades in two raids at the Manila suburb of San Juan earlier

Manila

confirms

capture

of NPA

MANILA (AP) — The military

Wednesday said the country's top

Communist rebel fighter was cap-

tured in a series of raids described

by the president as a turning

point in the battle against the

no told reporters that Romulo

Kintanar, commander of the

Communist New People's Army

(NPA), was among seven rebel

leaders captured in Tuesday's

Major-General Ramon Monta-

chief

a false name.

Tuesday The Manila Chronicle said the party leaders: were believed to have been in the metropolitan area for a meeting.

Kintanar had long been wanted by the military. The alleged head of the 24,000-strong NPA, he is widely believed to be the organiser of Communist urban assassination squads called "Sparrow Units" because of the swiftness of

Among those arrested with Kintanar were Party Secretary-General Rafael Baylosis — the party's second-in-command and Benjamin de Vera, the Central Committee member in charge of operations on Mindanao Island. The others were NPA Logistics Officer Napoleon Manuel; his wife Inez; Kintanar's wife Gloria and Marco Palo, a member of the party's liaison committee.

President Corazon Aquino immediately hailed the arrests as "happy news for our country" and commended the Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Renato de Villa, and other offic-

'it clearly demonstrates that

daily said. According to officials, 32 people — 26 Armenians and six Azerbaijanis — died in a night of terror there on Feb. 28. Investigators probing the unrest denied in the government daily Izvestia Tuesday persistent Montano would not let repor-

rumours that the death toll was far higher and stressed that no children died in what the Armenians have called a pogrom.

Demonstrations banned in Georgia In a related development, au-

WASHINGTON (AP) -"He did well in his neighbour-Michael Dukakis said his ing state. He invested the money "wonderful victory" in the Conand the staff in the state to win,"

Jackson said.

necticut primary puts his Demo-

cratic presidential campaign back

on track, but Jesse Jackson

chalked the results up to Duka-

kis' regional ties, and promised

more muscle-flexing in Wiscon-

Vice-President George Bush —

who has the Republican nomina-

tion all but in hand following the

withdrawal of Bob Dole — called

on Republicans to "keep together

and get to work." Bush, as ex-

pected, won overwhelmingly in

tory, his first primary win since

March 8's "Super Tuesday" con-

tests, telling backers in Boston:

"This sends us back to Wisconsin

and Colorado with a very good

finances played a key role.

MANAGUA (Agencies) — Con-

tra and Sandinista negotiators

have agreed on the cease-fire

areas where rebels are to begin

gathering Friday, and Nicaraguan

President Daniel Ortega urged

the United States to discuss re-

suming normal relations with

The negotiators identified the

cease-fire zones Tuesday at the

end of two days of talks in the

southern outpost of Sapoa, but

failed to resolve other crucial

issues, including when the contra

rebels will lay down their arms.

signed last week by the Sandinista

government and contra rebel

leaders, Ortega said in a speech

Tuesday the United States should

begin negotiating a return to nor-

mal relations with his govern-

Reagan keeps his word. He has

repeatedly said that the day the

MOSCOW (R) — A curfew im-

posed on the Azerbaijani oil city

of Sumpait after ethnic riots in

February has been lifted, the

Soviet newspaper Pravda re-

day was "the main evidence that

life in the city has returned to

normal," the Communist Party

The lifting of the curfew Tues-

ported Wednesday.

"We hope President (Ronald)

Sumgait curfew lifted

Citing the cease-fire accord

Nicaragua.

Dukakis celebrated the 2-1 vic-

sin's primary next week.

Connecticut.

Dukakis rallies; Dole quits

Dukakis, however, insisted that his win was no less important for coming on home ground. Dukakis and Jackson also drew similar conclusions from their

different performances. "The message ... is getting stronger and stronger every week this campaign goes on," Dukakis

"Our message of hope contimes to expand, continues to grow," said Jackson.

With 100 per cent of the Connecticut precincts reporting, Dukakis had 58 per cent to Jackson's 28 per cent. Tennessee Senator Afbert Gore Jr. trailed with 8 per cent, and Illinois Senator Paul Simon had 1 per

Colorado's Democratic cau-That restored Dukakis' lead in the national delegate race. The cuses are April 4, the day before latest AP count put Dukakis at 647-55; Jackson at 634.55 and uncommitted at 500.6. Gore had

364.8 and Simon 169.5. Jackson, who has beaten Jackson, the major parties only black candidate, swept the black vote and won about 20 per Massachusetts governor, but sugcent of the white vote, according gested geography and campaign to television network exit polls.

Nicaragua cease-fire zones set

Sandinistas sit down for direct

negotiations with the contras,

then the United States govern-

ment would sit down and negoti-

word and immediately fulfills his

word to accept bilateral conversa-

tions to deal with security issues

that concern the United States

with respect to Nicaragua and

with Nicaragua in respect to the

United States," Ortega said. The

discussions should focus on nor-

malising relations, not the inter-

Ortega also urged the U.S.

Congress not to approve more

contra aid in violation of last

week's cease-fire agreement, in

which the rebels agreed to accept

only humanitarian assistance

Aid package

Representatives negotiators

thorities in the Soviet Transcauca-

sian republic of Georgia have

banned spontaneous demonstra-

tions under rules similar to those

adopted last week in neighbour-

ty newspaper Zarva Vostoka, in

its March 27 edition which

reached Moscow Tuesday, said

people breaking the new rules

would face up to three years in

prison or a fine of up to 300

newspaper people absent from

work for more than three hours

because of attending an illegal

demonstration could be fired

under the regulations, issued by

the Georgian Supreme Soviet

The rules stipulate that people

wishing to demonstrate must app-

ly to local authorities at least

(parliament) last week.

seven days in advance.

A senior justice official told the

roubles (\$500).

The Georgian Communist Par-

ing Armenia and Azerbaijan.

But in Washington, House of

from neutral organisations.

nal policies of Nicaragua, he said.

"We hope he is a man of his

ate with the Sandinistas.

His share of the white vote was put at 5 per cent in 1984.

The obvious winner

On the Republican side, Dole's departure left Bush with only a nominal opponent — former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who acknowledged, "it seems obvious now that George Bush will be the winner."

As the Kansas senator bowed out Tuesday, he put aside his differences with the vice presi-

"I return to the Senate as the Republican leader ... ready to do all I can to elect Republicans in November and doing all I can for our nominee, George Bush," he said. Bush beat Dole by a lopsided 71-20 margin in Connec-

If Dole's delegates — now uncommitted - go to Bush, the vice president is likely to clinch the delegates needed to nominate in the next few weeks.

Representative Richard Gephardt, who dropped out of the Democratic race Monday filed Tuesday for reelection to his house seat from Missouri, saying he was somewhat relieved to have life return to a more usual pace.

reached an agreement in princi-

ple on a \$50 million non-military

assistance package for the con-

would direct aid to children in-

jured in Nicaragua's civil war,

was worked out in negotiations

It remained subject to approval

of final details by the two sides at

U.S. troops leave Honduras

Honduras as a show of force

continued to withdraw Tuesday

and an American embassy

spokesman said all 3,200 should

be gone within 24 hours.

Meanwhile U.S. troops sent to

late Tuesday.

a meeting Wednesday.

The proposal, which also

prisons could spread the AIDS HIV virus by sexual activity.

Nancy receives cancer

COLUMN

LONDON (R) — The British

government rejected a call for

prisoners to be given condoms as

an anti-AIDS precaution on the

grounds that it could encourage

increased homosexual activity in

jails. Health Minister Tony New-

ton turned down the suggestion,

made by a parliamentary commit-

tee on the misuse of drugs, in a

written statement to parliament.

"We believe it fails to take

account of all the relevant fac-

tors, including the effect which a

resulting increase in homosexual

activities would have in terms of

risk of HIV infection," he said.

The advisory committee sug-

gested condoms be issued saying

there was a danger drug abusers

or former drug abusers in British

No condoms for

prisoners

award

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan presented his wife Nancy, who had a breast removed in cancer surgery last year, with a "Cancer Courage" award Tuesday. The American Cancer Society award was presented in a ceremony in the White House rose garden. British-born actress Jill Ireland, who also suffered from breast cancer and wrote a best-selling novel. "life wish," was also honoured. "I'm very honoured to receive this award from Ronald. Reagan," Mrs. Reagan said with a smile at her husband, "I can't say it's an award that I dreamed of getting when I was growing up... but that's what happens sometimes." Mrs. Reagan, 66, won praise after her breast surgery last October for her willingness to discuss her experience. After her operation, there was a surge in the number of women seeking breast cancer ear-

will never

meet Savimbi'

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — The Angolan president will never meet with the leader of the Angoian rebels to end the 13-year-old civil war, the ambassador said in an interview published Tuesday.

Angolan Ambassador Luis Neto Kiambata was responding to remarks of Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali, who said Sunday on Zambian television that Angolan President Eduardo Dos Santos was ready to talk with Jonas Savimbi, leader of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

"Mr. Dos Santos is never going to meet Savimbi," Kiambata was quoted as telling the governmentowned Zambia Daily Mail.

The spokesman told Reuters that about 1,500 soldiers had lef the Central American country since the airlift back to the United States began Monday. 'Dos Santos ly-detection tests.

Exciting development

WASHINGTON (R) — The chief surgeon at the U.S. National Cancer Institute disclosed luesday a promising new treatment for cancer that uses potent "killer" cells mixed with a growth element called Interleukin-2. Dr. Steven Rosenberg, who gained fame for treating President Reagan for colon cancer, surprised a televised "cancer summit" between American and Soviet specialists by revealing the still-unpublished results of new trials on patients with incurable melanoma, a form of skin cancer. "We have now treated nine patients with advanced melanoma and have seen evidence of substantial regression (of cancer) in eight of these nine patients," he said. He described the new therapy as being in its infancy, but other researchers at the conference called it an exciting develop-

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Warsaw Pact foreign ministers meet

VIENNA (AP) — Warsaw Pact foreign ministers Tuesday discussed curbs on armed forces and conventional weapons in the East and West, the BTA news agency reported. The official Bulgarian news agency said the foreign ministers of the seven Warsaw Pact nations also discussed "concrete ways for reduction of tension, for strengthening of security and development of the relations and cooperation in the southern and northern directions of Europe." Attending the meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, were foreign ministers of Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, East Germany, Romania and the Soviet Union, the report said.

Indonesia launches 3 rockets

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesia, edging tentatively into the space race, launched three experimental solid fuel rockets Tuesday, the National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (NASA) announced Wednesday. It was Indonesia's first launch of a two-stage rocket, and also its first guided rocket, according to Institute Secretary Aris Fonda. The official Antara news agency, in a report from the launch site near the Java City of Bandung, said the three rockets failed to reach the targetted height, but all functioned well during their brief flights.

House okays abducted children bill

is no legal order establishing custody.

U.N. agencies join forces against AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives approved a bill Monday that would make it easier for a parent to recover a child who is abducted and taken to a foreign country, often by the other parent. The measure, passed by voice vote and sent to the Senate, would enable the U.S. government to implement an international treaty intended to overcome complex, time-consuming legal issues blocking the prompt return of abducted children from a foreign country. The United States signed the treaty in 1981. Although it was approved by the Senate in October 1986, the United States has not ratified the pact because the State Department said implementing legislation was needed first. The treaty provides for the prompt return of children abducted from their country or wrongfully kept in a foreign country, and provides for visitation rights across international borders. The bill provides for accelerated procedures by the courts of nine foreign countries that have ratified the treaty for returning abducted children to their U.S. parents. The bill would direct state courts, when petitioned by foreign parents, to order children returned to their habitual residence abroad, even if there

UNITED NATIONS (R) — In a bid to strengthen the world-wide fight against AIDS, the World Health Organisation (WHO) signed an agreement Tuesday with a U.N. development group which has staff members in 112 countries. The agreement between WHO and the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), which deals with a wide range of government departments in each country, will help develop nationwide programmes for tackling Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The accord was signed at a news conference by WHO Director-General Halfdan Mahler and UNDP Administrator William Draper. Mahler described AIDS as not just a health problem but one with political, social, economic and cultural ramifications. WHO spent \$24 million on AIDS control and prevention in 1987 and has estimated it will spend \$66.2 million this year. UNDP has committed more than \$3.5 million to the fight.

Jet crashes by nuclear plant

LANDSHUT, West Germany (R) — A French fighter jet crashed next to a West German nuclear power complex Wednesday after colliding with another plane, police and military officials said. French Air Force officials said one pilot was killed when two Mirage aircraft hit each other during low-flying manoeuvres over Bavaria. One of the planes fell to the ground within 1.5 kilometre of the large Ohu nuclear energy complex northeast of Munich. The complex has three plants in operation. The second jet was able to return its base in the French border city of Strasbourg, French officials said. An investigation has been started.

INF coalition falls apart

WASHINGTON (R) — Supporters of the new U.S.-Soviet missile treaty split largely along party lines Tuesday as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved a condition to give Congress a voice if a future administration reinterprets the pact. Democrats and Republicans argued bitterly before the panel voted 12-6 to attach the condition to the treaty ratification resolution. It is due to send the treaty to the full Senate Wednesday. The Democratic-sponsored condition stemmed from the Reagan administration's controversial 1986 reinterpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty that it said allowed more aggressive research into President Reagan's Star Wars programme. The condition said no administration could adopt an interpretation of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty different from the common understanding held now by the Senate and the administration unless the Senate consented.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

political crisis.

TENDER NO. TCC 1/88 SUPPLY OF HEAVY MATERIALS **FOR** LOCAL LINE PLANT PROJECTS

SECOND NOTICE

WASHINGTON (R) — The forceful removal of Panama's

Reagan administration said its military ruler by U.S. comman-

The Telecommunications Corporation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (TCC), Pursuant to Notice of Feb. 11, 1988 for postponement of the tender invitation, now hereby announces Tender No. TCC 1/88 for the supply of Heavy Materials for Local Line Plant Projects such as cables, wooden poles, P.V.C. pipes, manhole covers and dropwire, as part of the Implementation Programme of the "Five Year Development Plan" for the expansion of the Telephone Network in Jordan.

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has applied for a loan from the World Bank and intends to use the proceeds of this loan to finance part of the cost of the Projects for which this invitation to bid is issued. As the available World Bank financing is insufficient to cover all the cost of this procurement, bidders are invited to submit in addition to the bid price a Financing Offer, at their option, to finance the contract cost or part of it.

All interested manufacturers/suppliers from the World Bank member countries, Switzerland, and Taiwan-China are invited to participate in this Tender in accordance with the terms, stipulations and technical specifications contained in the Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Secretary of the Tender Committee, P.O. Box 1689, Telecommunications Corporation, Amman - Jordan, as of Saturday, April 2. 1988 against a payment of a non-refundable fee of one hundred Jordanian Dinars (J.D. 100).

Bids, accompanied by a Bid Security, are to be submitted in English to the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee not later than 12:00 noon local time on Tuesday, June 7, 1988.

Director General Eng. Mohammad Shahid ismail